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Appendix I
Copyright: basic rules

[Note that in each case copyright period is to the end of the year in question]

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**Paintings**

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**Joint copyright**

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**b) US (see separate note on US Copyright)**

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**d) Australia**

Life plus 70 but not retrospective.

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