

*These notes refer to the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003
(c.28) which received Royal Assent on 30 October 2003*

LEGAL DEPOSIT LIBRARIES ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Duty to Deposit

Section 1: Deposit of publications

9. This section imposes a duty on publishers to deposit any published material with the deposit library (or libraries) that is (or are) entitled to receive a copy of that material in the medium in which it is published (except for on-line publications, where the medium of deposit may be specified in regulations under section 6(2)(h)). Such deposit must be at an address in the United Kingdom to be specified by the library (or else, in the case of electronic material, at an electronic address).
10. The section describes the types of printed material that must be deposited, and provides that non-print works that are prescribed by Regulations must also be deposited. Subsection (5) addresses the issues of sound and film recordings, and means that there are limited circumstances under which these will be covered: when they are incidental features of the main body of a work and not its purpose.