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United Kingdom and European Law CD-ROMs

London based electronic publisher, Context, who specialises in European and United Kingdom official and law sources, now provide a series of CD-ROM law resources under the collective title *Justis*. The *Justis* CD-ROMs include *Celex*, the official legal database of the European Communities containing over forty-one years of treaties, regulations, directives and case law, and *Official Journal (C Series)* which covers proposed legislation, notices of European Court of Justice cases and activities of the European parliament.

Other useful *Justis* CD-ROMs include *Parliament Service*, a bibliography and index of proceedings and publications of United Kingdom parliaments from 1979, *Weekly Law*, containing the full text of the *Weekly Law Reports* from 1981 onwards, and *Industrial Cases*, which is very new and contains reports of cases and hearings from the Employment Appeal Tribunal, the Courts of Appeal, House of Lords, High Court and Industrial Tribunals. *Industrial cases* also includes reports from the *Restrictive Practices Cases* series.

Another potentially very useful *Justis* CD-ROM *Eastern Europe*, containing the full text of current commercial law of Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, and the Czech and Slovak Republics translated into English. It is published jointly with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

Context offers an online service to update some of their CD-ROM products, e.g. *Celex* and *Weekly Law*, the latter being updated weekly online. Current online databases include *The Times Law*

Reports, *The Independent Law Reports*, *Northern Ireland Bulletin of Law*, and *Criminal Appeal Office Index of Judgements*.

To obtain CD-ROM prices and information about accessing the Context Online Service contact *Point of Law*, Mezzanine Level 60-70 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 2000. Phone (02) 223 1264, Fax (02) 223 1268.

Chinese Legal Databases

An enterprising new provider based in Texas is publishing CD-ROM and diskette databases of Chinese law in both English and Chinese. Their name is AsiaInfo Services Inc. and they claim to have the approval of Chinese Government ministries and departments for their data.

Diskette products from AsiaInfo include *China State Laws and Regulations Database* (58 diskettes in the Chinese version and 18 diskettes in the English version) priced at US\$1600 00, *International Economic Regulation database* (12 diskettes) US\$600 00, and *Intellectual Property Laws Database* (5 diskettes and only in Chinese) US\$600 00. At the moment many more databases of laws are available in Chinese than in English. For further information e-mail the sales department at sales@asiainfo.com. You can also arrange to receive regular update information through e-mail.

OCLC First Search Base Subscription Package

OCLC have just announced price reductions for some First Search databases through their new Base Subscription Package arrangement. The first of these new subscription packages allows libraries an unlimited number of searches for twelve months in the following databases:

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(The last three of the above databases will be released by 31 March 1995)

The price reductions relate to simultaneous logons, e.g. three simultaneous logons will now cost US\$18,900 for any database in the above package. There are also consortium subscription prices for simultaneous logons to the above package.

To obtain detailed information contact Caroline Beatty at DA Electronic Media, 648 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, Victoria, 3132. Phone (03) 872 3211, Fax (03) 872 4814.

Child Abuse and Neglect CD-ROM

The Elizabeth Evatt Library (Sydney) of the Family Court Library Network has just received a new CD-ROM - Child Abuse and Neglect database from 1965 to the present.

It is produced by the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information (a US government agency), and replaces the Child Abuse and Neglect online database, formerly available on DIALOG. I am grateful to John Myrtle of the Australian Institute of Criminology for alerting me to the fact that the online version was to be replaced by CD-ROM.

The disk contains the world's largest collection of citations and abstracts on the maltreatment of children. There are databases containing references to the professional literature, public education materials, audio-visual materials, (US) state statutes, and information on national

prevention programmes and national and international organisations. It is targeted towards professionals and practitioners, including lawyers, researchers, policy-makers and administrators in the field of child protection.

The *Documents* database contains 18,000 citations and abstracts of professional literature, (including court cases from 1965 to 1986), in the areas of physical, emotional, psychological and sexual abuse and child neglect. The *Organizations* database profiles organisations working in the area of child abuse prevention and treatment. Regularly up-dated records contain full contact information, and brief descriptions of organisational focus, as well as services and products provided. The database of *Public Awareness* materials for children and adults contains references to books, brochures, comic books, pamphlets, colouring books, workbooks and fact sheets. The *Audio-visual* database contains descriptions of audio-visuals intended for a wide range of audiences, from children to law enforcement professionals. Various media include audio and video-tapes, games, films, multi-media packages and anatomically correct dolls. The *State Statutes* database contains summaries of the legislative provisions related to child maltreatment in the fifty US states and territories, covering the state and federal aspects of reporting child abuse cases, procedure, admissibility of evidence, child testimony and more. The *Program Directories* database covers US local, state federal and international treatment programmes, family and youth services, shelter services, and mental health programmes.

The CD-ROM is available free to libraries and institutions who can prove a legitimate interest in its contents. It is also available by subscription. To order, write on your organisation's letterhead to:

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The disk is produced by the National Information Service Corporation, a private company which is dedicated to producing material to serve the public interest. Its address is Suite #6, St Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 2128, USA.

Australia's National Child Protection Clearinghouse, previously maintained by the Australian Institute of Criminology, has moved to the Australian Institute of Family Studies. To register as a member, and to register research and programmes, contact:

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