

Directive 98/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the  
Council of 13 October 1998 on the legal protection of designs

*Article 9*

**Scope of protection**

- 1 The scope of the protection conferred by a design right shall include any design which does not produce on the informed user a different overall impression.
- 2 In assessing the scope of protection, the degree of freedom of the designer in developing his design shall be taken into consideration.