

# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

## **1988 CHAPTER 48**

#### PART I

**COPYRIGHT** 

#### CHAPTER VI

REMEDIES FOR INFRINGEMENT

# Offences

## 109 Search warrants.

- (1) Where a justice of the peace (in Scotland, a sheriff or justice of the peace) is satisfied by information on oath given by a constable (in Scotland, by evidence on oath) that there are reasonable grounds for believing—
  - (a) that an offence under section 107(1)(a), (b), (d)(iv) or (e) has been or is about to be committed in any premises, and
  - (b) that evidence that such an offence has been or is about to be committed is in those premises,

he may issue a warrant authorising a constable to enter and search the premises, using such reasonable force as is necessary.

- (2) The power conferred by subsection (1) does not, in England and Wales, extend to authorising a search for material of the kinds mentioned in section 9(2) of the MIPolice and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (certain classes of personal or confidential material).
- (3) A warrant under this section—
  - (a) may authorise persons to accompany any constable executing the warrant, and
  - (b) remains in force for 28 days from the date of its issue.

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- (4) In executing a warrant issued under this section a constable may seize an article if he reasonably believes that it is evidence that any offence under section 107(1) has been or is about to be committed.
- (5) In this section "premises" includes land, buildings, moveable structures, vehicles, vessels, aircraft and hovercraft.

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