



# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 48

### PART I

#### COPYRIGHT

#### CHAPTER IX

##### QUALIFICATION FOR AND EXTENT OF COPYRIGHT PROTECTION

##### *Qualification for copyright protection*

#### **155 Qualification by reference to country of first publication.**

- (1) A literary, dramatic, musical or artistic work, a sound recording or film, or the typographical arrangement of a published edition, qualifies for copyright protection if it is first published—
  - (a) in the United Kingdom, or
  - (b) in another country to which the relevant provisions of this Part extend.
- (2) Where, or so far as, provision is made by Order under section 159 (application of this Part to countries to which it does not extend), such a work also qualifies for copyright protection if it is first published in a country to which the Order relates.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, publication in one country shall not be regarded as other than the first publication by reason of simultaneous publication elsewhere; and for this purpose publication elsewhere within the previous 30 days shall be treated as simultaneous.

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

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| <b>C1</b> | S. 155 extended with modifications by <a href="#">S.I. 1989/1293</a> , <a href="#">arts. 2(1), 3, 5, 6</a> , <a href="#">Schs. 1, 2, 3, 4</a>                          |
| <b>C2</b> | S. 155 extended (1.7.1992) by <a href="#">S.I. 1992/1313</a> , <a href="#">art.2</a>   |
| <b>C3</b> | S. 155 applied (with modifications) (4.5.1993) by <a href="#">S.I. 1993/942</a> , <a href="#">arts.2, 3, 5</a> , <a href="#">Sch. 4</a> (with <a href="#">art. 6</a> ) |

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Ss. 153, 154, 155 applied (with modifications) (22.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1751, arts. 2(1)(2), 3, 5, Sch. 1, Sch. 2, **Sch. 5** (as amended 22.4.2003 by S.I. 2003/774, **arts. 2-5**)

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