



# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 48

### PART I

#### COPYRIGHT

### CHAPTER II

#### RIGHTS OF COPYRIGHT OWNER

##### *The acts restricted by copyright*

#### 16 The acts restricted by copyright in a work.

- (1) The owner of the copyright in a work has, in accordance with the following provisions of this Chapter, the exclusive right to do the following acts in the United Kingdom—
- (a) to copy the work (see section 17);
  - (b) to issue copies of the work to the public (see section 18);
  - [<sup>F1</sup>(ba) to rent or lend the work to the public (see section 18A);]
  - (c) to perform, show or play the work in public (see section 19);
  - [<sup>F2</sup>(d) to communicate the work to the public (see section 20);]
  - (e) to make an adaptation of the work or do any of the above in relation to an adaptation (see section 21);

and those acts are referred to in this Part as the “acts restricted by the copyright”.

- (2) Copyright in a work is infringed by a person who without the licence of the copyright owner does, or authorises another to do, any of the acts restricted by the copyright.
- (3) References in this Part to the doing of an act restricted by the copyright in a work are to the doing of it—
- (a) in relation to the work as a whole or any substantial part of it, and
  - (b) either directly or indirectly;

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and it is immaterial whether any intervening acts themselves infringe copyright.

(4) This Chapter has effect subject to—

- (a) the provisions of Chapter III (acts permitted in relation to copyright works),  
and
- (b) the provisions of Chapter VII (provisions with respect to copyright licensing).

**Annotations:**

**Amendments (Textual)**

**F1** S. 16(1)(ba) inserted (1.12.1996) by S.I. 1996/2967, **reg. 10(1)** (with Pt. III)

**F2** S. 16(1)(d) substituted (31.10.2003) by The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2498), **reg. 6(2)** (with regs. 31-40)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act, associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Blanket amendment text amended by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 4](#)
- Blanket amendment text amended by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 6](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988:**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2011/2196 art. 2](#) commences (2007 c. 29)