



# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 48

### PART I

#### COPYRIGHT

### CHAPTER II

#### RIGHTS OF COPYRIGHT OWNER

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

#### **17 Infringement of copyright by copying.**

- (1) The copying of the work is an act restricted by the copyright in every description of copyright work; and references in this Part to copying and copies shall be construed as follows.
- (2) Copying in relation to a literary, dramatic, musical or artistic work means reproducing the work in any material form.  
  
This includes storing the work in any medium by electronic means.
- (3) In relation to an artistic work copying includes the making of a copy in three dimensions of a two-dimensional work and the making of a copy in two dimensions of a three-dimensional work.
- (4) Copying in relation to a film [<sup>F1</sup>or broadcast] includes making a photograph of the whole or any substantial part of any image forming part of the film [<sup>F1</sup>or broadcast].
- (5) Copying in relation to the typographical arrangement of a published edition means making a facsimile copy of the arrangement.
- (6) Copying in relation to any description of work includes the making of copies which are transient or are incidental to some other use of the work.

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- F1** Words in s. 17(4) substituted (31.10.2003) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003](#) (S.I. 2003/2498), regs. 2(1), **5(5)**, Sch. 1 para. 3(1)(a) (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](#)
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**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)