



# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 48

### PART I

#### COPYRIGHT

#### CHAPTER X

##### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### *Transitional provisions and savings*

#### **171 Rights and privileges under other enactments or the common law.**

- (1) Nothing in this Part affects—
  - (a) any right or privilege of any person under any enactment (except where the enactment is expressly repealed, amended or modified by this Act);
  - (b) any right or privilege of the Crown subsisting otherwise than under an enactment;
  - (c) any right or privilege of either House of Parliament;
  - (d) the right of the Crown or any person deriving title from the Crown to sell, use or otherwise deal with articles forfeited under the laws relating to customs and excise;
  - (e) the operation of any rule of equity relating to breaches of trust or confidence.
- (2) Subject to those savings, no copyright or right in the nature of copyright shall subsist otherwise than by virtue of this Part or some other enactment in that behalf.
- (3) Nothing in this Part affects any rule of law preventing or restricting the enforcement of copyright, on grounds of public interest or otherwise.
- (4) Nothing in this Part affects any right of action or other remedy, whether civil or criminal, available otherwise than under this Part in respect of acts infringing any of the rights conferred by Chapter IV (moral rights).

---

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the  
Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Section 171. (See end of Document for details)

---

- (5) The savings in subsection (1) have effect subject to section 164(4) and section 166(7) (copyright in Acts, Measures and Bills: exclusion of other rights in the nature of copyright).

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

**C1** Ss. 161, 162, 171(1)(3), 172-179 applied (1.12.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2967](#), [reg. 17\(4\)](#) (with [Pt. III](#))

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Section 171.