

# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

## **1988 CHAPTER 48**

#### PART III

**DESIGN RIGHT** 

### **CHAPTER IV**

JURISDICTION OF THE COMPTROLLER AND THE COURT

Jurisdiction of the comptroller

# 247 Application to settle terms of licence of right

- (1) A person requiring a licence which is available as of right by virtue of—
  - (a) section 237 (licences available in last five years of design right), or
  - (b) an order under section 238 (licences made available in the public interest), may apply to the comptroller to settle the terms of the licence.
- (2) No application for the settlement of the terms of a licence available by virtue of section 237 may be made earlier than one year before the earliest date on which the licence may take effect under that section.
- (3) The terms of a licence settled by the comptroller shall authorise the licensee to do—
  - (a) in the case of licence available by virtue of section 237, everything which would be an infringement of the design right in the absence of a licence;
  - (b) in the case of a licence available by virtue of section 238, everything in respect of which a licence is so available.
- (4) In settling the terms of a licence the comptroller shall have regard to such factors as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State by order made by statutory instrument.
- (5) No such order shall be made unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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- (6) Where the terms of a licence are settled by the comptroller, the licence has effect—
  - (a) in the case of an application in respect of a licence available by virtue of section 237 made before the earliest date on which the licence may take effect under that section, from that date;
  - (b) in any other case, from the date on which the application to the comptroller was made.