



# Trade Marks Act 1994

## 1994 CHAPTER 26

### PART I

#### REGISTERED TRADE MARKS

##### *Introductory*

#### **1 Trade marks.**

- (1) In this Act a “trade mark” means any sign capable of being represented graphically which is capable of distinguishing goods or services of one undertaking from those of other undertakings.

A trade mark may, in particular, consist of words (including personal names), designs, letters, numerals or the shape of goods or their packaging.

- (2) References in this Act to a trade mark include, unless the context otherwise requires, references to a collective mark (see section 49) or certification mark (see section 50).

#### **2 Registered trade marks.**

- (1) A registered trade mark is a property right obtained by the registration of the trade mark under this Act and the proprietor of a registered trade mark has the rights and remedies provided by this Act.

- (2) No proceedings lie to prevent or recover damages for the infringement of an unregistered trade mark as such; but nothing in this Act affects the law relating to passing off.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Trade Marks Act 1994, Cross Heading: Introductory.