



Registered Designs Act 1949

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Registrable designs and proceedings for registration

[^{F1}1C Designs dictated by their technical function.

- (1) A right in a registered design shall not subsist in features of appearance of a product which are solely dictated by the product's technical function.
- (2) A right in a registered design shall not subsist in features of appearance of a product which must necessarily be reproduced in their exact form and dimensions so as to permit the product in which the design is incorporated or to which it is applied to be mechanically connected to, or placed in, around or against, another product so that either product may perform its function.
- (3) Subsection (2) above does not prevent a right in a registered design subsisting in a design serving the purpose of allowing multiple assembly or connection of mutually interchangeable products within a modular system.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 1-1D substituted (9.12.2001) for s. 1 by [S.I. 2001/3949](#), [reg. 2](#) (with transitional provisions in [regs. 10-14](#))

Changes to legislation:

Registered Designs Act 1949, Section 1C is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 January 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 22(1)(aa) and word inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 22(5) inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 22(6)(7) inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(5\)](#)