



Registered Designs Act 1949

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Effect of registration, etc.

[^{F1} **Right given by registration.**

- (1) The registration of a design under this Act gives the registered proprietor the exclusive right to use the design and any design which does not produce on the informed user a different overall impression.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) above and section 7A of this Act any reference to the use of a design includes a reference to—
 - (a) the making, offering, putting on the market, importing, exporting or using of a product in which the design is incorporated or to which it is applied; or
 - (b) stocking such a product for those purposes.
- (3) In determining for the purposes of subsection (1) above whether a design produces a different overall impression on the informed user, the degree of freedom of the author in creating his design shall be taken into consideration.
- (4) The right conferred by subsection (1) above is subject to any limitation attaching to the registration in question (including, in particular, any partial disclaimer or any declaration by the registrar or a court of partial invalidity).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 7 and 7A substituted (9.12.2001) for s. 7 by [S.I. 2001/3949](#), [reg. 5](#) (with transitional provisions in [regs. 10-14](#))

Changes to legislation:

Registered Designs Act 1949, Section 7 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\(5\)](#)