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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1987 No. 940**

**COPYRIGHT**

**The Copyright (Singapore) Order 1987**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>18th May 1987</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>17th June 1987</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>18th June 1987</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of May 1987

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas Her Majesty is satisfied that, in respect of the matters provided for in this Order, provision has been made under the laws of Singapore whereby adequate protection will be given to owners of copyright under the Copyright Act 1956(1):

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and by virtue of the authority conferred on Her by sections 31, 32 and 47 of the said Act, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Copyright (Singapore) Order 1987 and shall come into force on 18th June 1987.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Copyright Act 1956; and

“material time” means—

- (i) in relation to an unpublished work or subject-matter, the time at which such work or subject-matter was made or, if the making thereof extended over a period, a substantial part of that period; and
- (ii) in relation to a published work or subject-matter, the time of first publication.

2. Subject to the following provisions of this Order, the provisions of Parts I and II of the Act and all the other provisions of the Act relevant to those Parts shall apply—

- (a) in relation to literary, dramatic, musical or artistic works, sound recordings, cinematograph films or published editions first published in Singapore as they apply to such works, recordings, films or editions first published in the United Kingdom;
- (b) in relation to persons who at any material time are resident in Singapore as they apply to persons who at such time are resident in the United Kingdom; and
- (c) in relation to bodies incorporated under the laws of Singapore as they apply to bodies incorporated under the laws of any part of the United Kingdom.

3. The acts restricted by section 12 of the Act as applied by this Order shall not include causing the recording to be heard in public, broadcasting the recording or including it in a cable programme.

4. Where any person has before the commencement of this Order incurred any expenditure or liability in connection with the reproduction or performance of any work or other subject matter in a manner which at the time was lawful, or for the purpose of or with a view to the reproduction or performance of a work at a time when such reproduction or performance would, but for the making of this Order, have been lawful, nothing in this Order shall diminish or prejudice any right or interest arising from or in connection with such action which is subsisting and valuable immediately before the commencement of this Order unless the person who by virtue of this Order becomes entitled to restrain such reproduction or performance agrees to pay such compensation as, failing agreement, may be determined by arbitration.

5. This Order shall extend to the countries mentioned in the Schedule hereto, subject to the modification that article 2 above shall have effect as part of the law of any of those countries as if for references to the United Kingdom there were substituted references to the country in question.

*G. I. de Deney*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE

Article 5

**COUNTRIES TO WHICH THIS ORDER EXTENDS.**

British Indian Ocean Territory  
British Virgin Islands  
Cayman Islands  
Falkland Islands  
Falkland Islands Dependencies  
Hong Kong  
Isle of Man  
Montserrat  
St Helena  
St Helena Dependencies (Ascension, Tristan da Cunha)

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order provides for the copyright protection in the United Kingdom of works and other subject-matter originating in Singapore. No provision is made in respect of citizens of Singapore because they are already qualified persons under the Copyright Act 1956 by reason of being British subjects (that is, Commonwealth citizens) within the meaning of that Act. The Order extends to the dependent countries of the Commonwealth to which the 1956 Act has been extended, with the exception of Bermuda and Gibraltar.