



# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 48

### PART VII

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### *Fraudulent reception of transmissions*

#### **297 Offence of fraudulently receiving programmes.**

- (1) A person who dishonestly receives a programme included in a broadcasting <sup>F1</sup> . . . service provided from a place in the United Kingdom with intent to avoid payment of any charge applicable to the reception of the programme commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (2) Where an offence under this section committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body, or a person purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

In relation to a body corporate whose affairs are managed by its members “director” means a member of the body corporate.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 297(1) repealed (31.10.2003) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2498\)](#), reg. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with regs. 31-40)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Section 297.