



Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

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PART I

COPYRIGHT

CHAPTER III

ACTS PERMITTED IN RELATION TO COPYRIGHT WORKS

[^{F1}Computer programs: lawful users

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Back up copies.

- (1) It is not an infringement of copyright for a lawful user of a copy of a computer program to make any back up copy of it which it is necessary for him to have for the purposes of his lawful use.
- (2) For the purposes of this section and sections 50B [^{F3}, 50BA] and 50C a person is a lawful user of a computer program if (whether under a licence to do any acts restricted by the copyright in the program or otherwise), he has a right to use the program.
- (3) Where an act is permitted under this section, it is irrelevant whether or not there exists any term or condition in an agreement which purports to prohibit or restrict the act (such terms being, by virtue of section 296A, void).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Cross-heading and ss. 50A-50C inserted (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3233, reg.8.](#)
- F2** Ss. 50A-50C inserted (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3233, reg.8.](#)
- F3** S. 50A(2): ", 50BA" inserted (31.10.2003) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2498\), reg. 15\(2\)](#) (with [regs. 31-40](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Section 50A .