



Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 48

PART I

COPYRIGHT

CHAPTER III

ACTS PERMITTED IN RELATION TO COPYRIGHT WORKS

[^{F1}Computer programs: lawful users

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Other acts permitted to lawful users.

- (1) It is not an infringement of copyright for a lawful user of a copy of a computer program to copy or adapt it, provided that the copying or adapting—
 - (a) is necessary for his lawful use; and
 - (b) is not prohibited under any term or condition of an agreement regulating the circumstances in which his use is lawful.
- (2) It may, in particular, be necessary for the lawful use of a computer program to copy it or adapt it for the purpose of correcting errors in it.
- (3) This section does not apply to any copying or adapting permitted under [^{F3}section 50A, 50B or 50BA].]

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** Words in s. 50C(3) substituted (31.10.2003) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003](#) ([S.I. 2003/2498](#)), [reg. 15\(3\)](#) (with [regs. 31-40](#))

Changes to legislation:

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