



# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 48

### PART VII

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>Computer programs*

##### Textual Amendments

**F1** Cross heading and s. 296A inserted (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3233](#), [reg.11](#)

#### <sup>F2</sup>**296A Avoidance of certain terms.**

- (1) Where a person has the use of a computer program under an agreement, any term or condition in the agreement shall be void in so far as it purports to prohibit or restrict—
- (a) the making of any back up copy of the program which it is necessary for him to have for the purposes of the agreed use;
  - (b) where the conditions in section 50B(2) are met, the decompiling of the program; or
  - <sup>F3</sup>(c) the observing, studying or testing of the functioning of the program in accordance with section 50BA.]
- (2) In this section, decompile, in relation to a computer program, has the same meaning as in section 50B]

##### Textual Amendments

**F2** S. 296A inserted (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3233](#), [reg.11](#).

**F3** S. 296A(1)(c) substituted (31.10.2003) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2498\)](#), [reg. 15\(4\)](#) (with [regs. 31-40](#))

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 22/04/2014.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Cross Heading: Computer programs.