



# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

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### PART I

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##### SUBSISTENCE, OWNERSHIP AND DURATION OF COPYRIGHT

##### *Introductory*

### 1 Copyright and copyright works.

- (1) Copyright is a property right which subsists in accordance with this Part in the following descriptions of work—
  - (a) original literary, dramatic, musical or artistic works,
  - (b) sound recordings, films [<sup>F1</sup>or broadcasts], and
  - (c) the typographical arrangement of published editions.
- (2) In this Part “copyright work” means a work of any of those descriptions in which copyright subsists.
- (3) Copyright does not subsist in a work unless the requirements of this Part with respect to qualification for copyright protection are met (see section 153 and the provisions referred to there).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(1)(b) substituted (31.10.2003) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2498\)](#), [reg. 5\(2\)](#) (with [regs. 31-40](#))

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Section 1.