



Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 48

PART I

COPYRIGHT

CHAPTER III

ACTS PERMITTED IN RELATION TO COPYRIGHT WORKS

[^{F1}Databases: permitted acts]

50D [^{F1} Acts permitted in relation to databases.]

- (1) It is not an infringement of copyright in a database for a person who has a right to use the database or any part of the database, (whether under a licence to do any of the acts restricted by the copyright in the database or otherwise) to do, in the exercise of that right, anything which is necessary for the purposes of access to and use of the contents of the database or of that part of the database.
- (2) Where an act which would otherwise infringe copyright in a database is permitted under this section, it is irrelevant whether or not there exists any term or condition in any agreement which purports to prohibit or restrict the act (such terms being, by virtue of section 296B, void).

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

F1 S. 50D inserted (1.1.1998) by [S.I. 1997/3032](#), [reg. 9](#) (with [Pt. IV](#))

Changes to legislation:

Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Section 50D is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 May 2019. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 182B(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/265 reg. 4\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 206(1)(b) omitted by [S.I. 2019/605 reg. 22](#)
- s. 249(1A) inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 143\(3\)\(b\)](#) (Amendment not applied: 2007 c. 15, s. 143 was repealed (6.4.2015) by Intellectual Property Act 2014 (c. 18), ss. 10(11), 24(1); S.I. 2015/165, art. 3)