



# Intellectual Property Act 2014

## 2014 CHAPTER 18

### PART 1

#### DESIGN

##### *Registered designs*

#### **9 The register: changes of ownership and inspection of documents**

- (1) In section 19 of the Registered Designs Act 1949 (registration of assignments, etc.), omit subsection (3A) (which, where design right subsists in a registered design, prohibits the registrar from registering an interest unless satisfied that the person who has the interest has a corresponding interest in the design right).
- (2) In section 22 of that Act (the title to which becomes “ Inspection of registered designs and associated documents ”), in subsection (1), after paragraph (a) insert “and
  - (aa) every document kept at the Patent Office in connection with that design.”
- (3) In that subsection, for “subsection (4)” substitute “ subsections (4) to (7) ”.
- (4) After subsection (4) of that section insert—
  - “(5) For the purposes of subsection (1), a document is not to be regarded as open for inspection unless (in addition to being open for inspection in hard copy) it is made available by electronic transmission in such a way that members of the public may access it at a place and time individually chosen by them.”
- (5) After subsection (5) insert—
  - “(6) The Secretary of State may by rules specify cases or circumstances in which a document kept at the Patent Office in connection with a registered design may not be inspected.
  - (7) Rules made under subsection (6) may confer a discretion on the registrar.”

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(6) In section 37 of that Act (rules and orders), in subsection (2), after “section 15” insert “or 22(6)”.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 9(1) in force at 1.10.2014 by S.I. 2014/2330, art. 3, Sch.

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