



# Registered Designs Act 1949

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*Register of designs, etc .*

**[<sup>F1</sup>17 Register of designs etc.**

- (1) The registrar shall maintain the register of designs, in which shall be entered—
  - (a) the names and addresses of proprietors of registered designs;
  - (b) notices of assignments and of transmissions of registered designs; and
  - (c) such other matters as may be prescribed or as the registrar may think fit.
- (2) No notice of any trust, whether express, implied or constructive, shall be entered in the registrar of designs, and the registrar shall not be affected by any such notice.
- (3) The register need not be kept in documentary form.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this Act and to rules made by the Secretary of State under it, the public shall have a right to inspect the register at the Patent Office at all convenient times.
- (5) Any person who applies for a certified copy of an entry in the register or a certified extract from the register shall be entitled to obtain such a copy or extract on payment of a fee prescribed in relation to certified copies and extracts; and rules made by the Secretary of State under this Act may provide that any person who applies for an uncertified copy or extract shall be entitled to such a copy or extract on payment of a fee prescribed in relation to uncertified copies and extracts.
- (6) Applications under subsection (5) above or rules made by virtue of that subsection shall be made in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (7) In relation to any portion of the register kept otherwise than in documentary form—
  - (a) the right of inspection conferred by subsection (4) above is a right to inspect the material on the register; and
  - (b) the right to a copy or extract conferred by subsection (5) above or rules is a right to a copy or extract in a form in which it can be taken away and in which it is visible and legible.

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- (8) <sup>F2</sup> ... the register shall be prima facie evidence of anything required or authorised by this Act to be entered in it and in Scotland shall be sufficient evidence of any such thing.
- (9) A certificate purporting to be signed by the registrar and certifying that any entry which he is authorised by or under this Act to make has or has not been made, or that any other thing which he is so authorised to do has or has not been done, shall be prima facie evidence, and in Scotland shall be sufficient evidence, of the matters so certified.
- (10) Each of the following—
- (a) a copy of an entry in the register or an extract from the register which is supplied under subsection (5) above;
  - (b) a copy of any representation, specimen or document kept in the Patent Office or an extract from any such document,
- which purports to be a certified copy or certified extract shall <sup>F3</sup> ... be admitted in evidence without further proof and without production of any original; and in Scotland such evidence shall be sufficient evidence.

<sup>F4</sup>( 11 ) .....

- (12) In this section “ certified copy ” and “ certified extract ” mean a copy and extract certified by the registrar and sealed with the seal of the Patent Office. ]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 17 substituted by [Patents, Designs and Marks Act 1986 \(c. 39, SIF 67A\)](#), s. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 3**
- F2** Words in s. 17(8) repealed (4.4.2005) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 336(3)(4), **Sch. 37 Pt. 6**; [S.I. 2005/950](#), art. 2(1), **Sch. 1 para. 44(3)** (with **Sch. 2**) (as explained (29.7.2005) by [S.I. 2005/2122](#), art. 2; and as amended: (14.7.2008) by [2008 c. 4](#), Sch. 26 para. 78, Sch. 28 Pt. 2; [S.I. 2008/1586](#), Sch. 1 paras. 48(s), 50(2)(d); (30.11.2009) by [S.I. 2009/3111](#), art. 2; (3.12.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2905](#), art. 4; (3.12.2012) by [2012 c. 10](#), Sch. 14 para. 17; [S.I. 2012/2906](#), art. 2(l))
- F3** Words in s. 17(10) repealed (4.4.2005) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 336(3)(4), **Sch. 37 Pt. 6**; [S.I. 2005/950](#), art. 2(1), **Sch. 1 para. 44(3)** (with **Sch. 2**) (as explained (29.7.2005) by [S.I. 2005/2122](#), art. 2; and as amended: (14.7.2008) by [2008 c. 4](#), Sch. 26 para. 78, Sch. 28 Pt. 2; [S.I. 2008/1586](#), Sch. 1 paras. 48(s), 50(2)(d); (30.11.2009) by [S.I. 2009/3111](#), art. 2; (3.12.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2905](#), art. 4; (3.12.2012) by [2012 c. 10](#), Sch. 14 para. 17; [S.I. 2012/2906](#), art. 2(l))
- F4** S. 17(11) repealed (14.4.2000) by [1999 c. 23](#), s. 67, **Sch. 6** (with **Sch. 7 para. 5(2)**); [S.I. 2000/1034](#), art. 2(c), **Sch.**

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**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. 22(1)(aa) and word inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 22(5) inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 22(6)(7) inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(5\)](#)