



Registered Designs Act 1949

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[^{F1}Legal proceedings: general]

[^{F1}24B Exemption of innocent infringer from liability

- (1) In proceedings for the infringement of the right in a registered design damages shall not be awarded^{F2}... against a defendant who proves that at the date of the infringement he was not aware, and had no reasonable ground for supposing, that the design was registered.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a person shall not be deemed to have been aware or to have had reasonable grounds for supposing that the design was registered by reason only of the marking of a product with—
 - (a) the word “registered” or any abbreviation thereof, or
 - (b) any word or words expressing or implying that the design applied to, or incorporated in, the product has been registered,unless the number of the design [^{F3}or a relevant internet link] accompanied the word or words or the abbreviation in question.

[The reference in subsection (2) to a relevant internet link is a reference to an address^{F4}(2A) of a posting on the internet—

- (a) which is accessible to the public free of charge, and
- (b) which clearly associates the product with the number of the design.]
- (3) Nothing in this section shall affect the power of the court to grant an injunction in any proceedings for infringement of the right in a registered design.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 24A-24G inserted (29.4.2006) by [Intellectual Property \(Enforcement, etc\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1028\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)
- F2** Words in s. 24B(1) omitted (1.10.2014) by virtue of [Intellectual Property Act 2014 \(c. 18\)](#), [ss. 10\(1\), 24\(1\)](#); S.I. 2014/2330, art. 3, Sch.

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- F3** Words in s. 24B(2) inserted (1.10.2017) by [Digital Economy Act 2017 \(c. 30\), ss. 33\(2\), 118\(6\)](#); S.I. [2017/765, reg. 3\(b\)](#)
- F4** S. 24B(2A) inserted (1.10.2017) by [Digital Economy Act 2017 \(c. 30\), ss. 33\(3\), 118\(6\)](#); S.I. [2017/765, reg. 3\(b\)](#)

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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\(5\)](#)