
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 2967

The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 1996

PART I

INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Citation, commencement and extent.

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 1996.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on 1st December 1996.
- (3) These Regulations extend to the whole of the United Kingdom.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992(1), as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993(2); and
“EEA state” means a state which is a contracting party to the EEA Agreement.

Implementation of Directives, &c.

3. These Regulations make provision for the purpose of implementing—
 - (a) Council Directive No. [92/100/EEC](#) of 19 November 1992(3) on rental right and lending right and on certain rights related to copyright in the field of intellectual property;
 - (b) Council Directive No. [93/83/EEC](#) of 27 September 1993(4) on the coordination of certain rules concerning copyright and rights related to copyright applicable to satellite broadcasting and cable retransmission;
 - (c) the provisions of Council Directive No. [93/98/EEC](#) of 29 October 1993(5) harmonizing the term of protection of copyright and certain related rights, so far as not implemented by the Duration of Copyright and Rights in Performances Regulations 1995(6); and
 - (d) certain obligations of the United Kingdom created by or arising under the EEA Agreement so far as relevant to the implementation of those Directives.

(1) Cm 2073.
(2) Cm 2183.
(3) O.J. No. L346, 27.11.92, p. 61.
(4) O.J. No. L248, 6.10.93, p. 15.
(5) O.J. No. L290, 24.11.93, p. 9.
(6) S.I. [1995/3297](#).

Scheme of the regulations

4. The Copyright, Designs, and Patents Act 1988⁽⁷⁾ is amended in accordance with the provisions of Part II of these Regulations, subject to the savings and transitional provisions in Part III of these Regulations.

(7) 1988 c. 48.