
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 3032

The Copyright and Rights in Databases Regulations 1997

PART I

INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Copyright and Rights in Databases Regulations 1997.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1st January 1998.

(3) These Regulations extend to the whole of the United Kingdom.

Commencement Information

11 Reg. 1 in force at 1.1.1998, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Implementation of Directive

2.—(1) These Regulations make provision for the purpose of implementing—

(a) Council Directive No. [96/9/EC](#) of 11 March 1996⁽¹⁾ on the legal protection of databases,
^{F1}...

(b) certain obligations of the United Kingdom created by or arising under the EEA Agreement so far as relating to the implementation of that Directive [^{F2}, and]

[^{F3}(c) an Agreement⁽²⁾ in the form of an exchange of letters between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the Isle of Man and the European Community extending to the Isle of Man the legal protection of databases as provided for in Chapter III of that Directive.]

(2) In this Regulation “the EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992⁽²⁾, as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993⁽³⁾.

Textual Amendments

F1 Word in [reg. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#) omitted (1.11.2003) by virtue of [The Copyright and Rights in Databases \(Amendment\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2501\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [3\(a\)](#)

(1) O.J. No. L77, 27.3.96 p.20.
(2) Cm 2073.
(3) Cm 2183.

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- F2** Word in reg. 2(1)(b) substituted for full stop (1.11.2003) by The Copyright and Rights in Databases (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2501), regs. 1(2), 3(b)
- F3** Reg. 2(1)(c) inserted (1.11.2003) by The Copyright and Rights in Databases (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2501), regs. 1(2), 3(c)

Commencement Information

- I2** Reg. 2 in force at 1.1.1998, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations “the 1988 Act” means the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988(4).

Commencement Information

- I3** Reg. 3 in force at 1.1.1998, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Scheme of the Regulations

4.—(1) The 1988 Act is amended in accordance with the provisions of Part II of these Regulations, subject to the savings and transitional provisions in Part IV of these Regulations.

(2) Part III of these Regulations has effect subject to those savings and transitional provisions.

Commencement Information

- I4** Reg. 4 in force at 1.1.1998, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

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