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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 308 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee⁽³⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) A unified system for obtaining a Community design to which uniform protection is given with uniform effect throughout the entire territory of the Community would further the objectives of the Community as laid down in the Treaty.
- (2) Only the Benelux countries have introduced a uniform design protection law. In all the other Member States the protection of designs is a matter for the relevant national law and is confined to the territory of the Member State concerned. Identical designs may be therefore protected differently in different Member States and for the benefit of different owners. This inevitably leads to conflicts in the course of trade between Member States.
- (3) The substantial differences between Member States' design laws prevent and distort Community-wide competition. In comparison with domestic trade in, and competition between, products incorporating a design, trade and competition within the Community are prevented and distorted by the large number of applications, offices, procedures, laws, nationally circumscribed exclusive rights and the combined administrative expense with correspondingly high costs and fees for the applicant. Directive 98/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 1998 on the legal protection of designs⁽⁴⁾ contributes to remedying this situation.
- (4) The effect of design protection being limited to the territory of the individual Member States whether or not their laws are approximated, leads to a possible division of the internal market with respect to products incorporating a design which is the subject of national rights held by different individuals, and hence constitutes an obstacle to the free movement of goods.
- (5) This calls for the creation of a Community design which is directly applicable in each Member State, because only in this way will it be possible to obtain, through one application made to the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (Trade Marks

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and Design) in accordance with a single procedure under one law, one design right for one area encompassing all Member States.

- (6) Since the objectives of the proposed action, namely, the protection of one design right for one area encompassing all the Member States, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States by reason of the scale and the effects of the creation of a Community design and a Community design authority and can therefore, and can therefore be better achieved at Community level, the Community may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.
- (7) Enhanced protection for industrial design not only promotes the contribution of individual designers to the sum of Community excellence in the field, but also encourages innovation and development of new products and investment in their production.
- (8) Consequently a more accessible design-protection system adapted to the needs of the internal market is essential for Community industries.
- (9) The substantive provisions of this Regulation on design law should be aligned with the respective provisions in Directive 98/71/EC.
- (10) Technological innovation should not be hampered by granting design protection to features dictated solely by a technical function. It is understood that this does not entail that a design must have an aesthetic quality. Likewise, the interoperability of products of different makes should not be hindered by extending protection to the design of mechanical fittings. Consequently, those features of a design which are excluded from protection for those reasons should not be taken into consideration for the purpose of assessing whether other features of the design fulfil the requirements for protection.
- (11) The mechanical fittings of modular products may nevertheless constitute an important element of the innovative characteristics of modular products and present a major marketing asset, and therefore should be eligible for protection.
- (12) Protection should not be extended to those component parts which are not visible during normal use of a product, nor to those features of such part which are not visible when the part is mounted, or which would not, in themselves, fulfil the requirements as to novelty and individual character. Therefore, those features of design which are excluded from protection for these reasons should not be taken into consideration for the purpose of assessing whether other features of the design fulfil the requirements for protection.
- (13) Full-scale approximation of the laws of the Member States on the use of protected designs for the purpose of permitting the repair of a complex product so as to restore its original appearance, where the design is applied to or incorporated in a product which constitutes a component part of a complex product upon whose appearance the protected design is dependent, could not be achieved through Directive 98/71/EC. Within the framework of the conciliation procedure on the said Directive, the Commission undertook to review the consequences of the provisions of that Directive three years after the deadline for transposition of the Directive in particular for the

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industrial sectors which are most affected. Under these circumstances, it is appropriate not to confer any protection as a Community design for a design which is applied to or incorporated in a product which constitutes a component part of a complex product upon whose appearance the design is dependent and which is used for the purpose of the repair of a complex product so as to restore its original appearance, until the Council has decided its policy on this issue on the basis of a Commission proposal.

- (14) The assessment as to whether a design has individual character should be based on whether the overall impression produced on an informed user viewing the design clearly differs from that produced on him by the existing design corpus, taking into consideration the nature of the product to which the design is applied or in which it is incorporated, and in particular the industrial sector to which it belongs and the degree of freedom of the designer in developing the design.
- (15) A Community design should, as far as possible, serve the needs of all sectors of industry in the Community.
- (16) Some of those sectors produce large numbers of designs for products frequently having a short market life where protection without the burden of registration formalities is an advantage and the duration of protection is of lesser significance. On the other hand, there are sectors of industry which value the advantages of registration for the greater legal certainty it provides and which require the possibility of a longer term of protection corresponding to the foreseeable market life of their products.
- (17) This calls for two forms of protection, one being a short-term unregistered design and the other being a longer term registered design.
- (18) A registered Community design requires the creation and maintenance of a register in which will be registered all those applications which comply with formal conditions and which have been accorded a date of filing. This registration system should in principle not be based upon substantive examination as to compliance with requirements for protection prior to registration, thereby keeping to a minimum the registration and other procedural burdens on applicants.
- (19) A Community design should not be upheld unless the design is new and unless it also possesses an individual character in comparison with other designs.
- (20) It is also necessary to allow the designer or his successor in title to test the products embodying the design in the market place before deciding whether the protection resulting from a registered Community design is desirable. To this end it is necessary to provide that disclosures of the design by the designer or his successor in title, or abusive disclosures during a period of 12 months prior to the date of the filing of the application for a registered Community design should not be prejudicial in assessing the novelty or the individual character of the design in question.
- (21) The exclusive nature of the right conferred by the registered Community design is consistent with its greater legal certainty. It is appropriate that the unregistered Community design should, however, constitute a right only to prevent copying. Protection could not therefore extend to design products which are the result of a design

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arrived at independently by a second designer. This right should also extend to trade in products embodying infringing designs.

- (22) The enforcement of these rights is to be left to national laws. It is necessary therefore to provide for some basic uniform sanctions in all Member States. These should make it possible, irrespective of the jurisdiction under which enforcement is sought, to stop the infringing acts.
- (23) Any third person who can establish that he has in good faith commenced use even for commercial purposes within the Community, or has made serious and effective preparations to that end, of a design included within the scope of protection of a registered Community design, which has not been copied from the latter, may be entitled to a limited exploitation of that design.
- (24) It is a fundamental objective of this Regulation that the procedure for obtaining a registered Community design should present the minimum cost and difficulty to applicants, so as to make it readily available to small and medium-sized enterprises as well as to individual designers.
- (25) Those sectors of industry producing large numbers of possibly short-lived designs over short periods of time of which only some may be eventually commercialised will find advantage in the unregistered Community design. Furthermore, there is also a need for these sectors to have easier recourse to the registered Community design. Therefore, the option of combining a number of designs in one multiple application would satisfy that need. However, the designs contained in a multiple application may be dealt with independently of each other for the purposes of enforcement of rights, licensing, rights in rem, levy of execution, insolvency proceedings, surrender, renewal, assignment, deferred publication or declaration of invalidity.
- (26) The normal publication following registration of a Community design could in some cases destroy or jeopardise the success of a commercial operation involving the design. The facility of a deferment of publication for a reasonable period affords a solution in such cases.
- (27) A procedure for hearing actions concerning validity of a registered Community design in a single place would bring savings in costs and time compared with procedures involving different national courts.
- (28) It is therefore necessary to provide safeguards including a right of appeal to a Board of Appeal, and ultimately to the Court of Justice. Such a procedure would assist the development of uniform interpretation of the requirements governing the validity of Community designs.
- (29) It is essential that the rights conferred by a Community design can be enforced in an efficient manner throughout the territory of the Community.
- (30) The litigation system should avoid as far as possible 'forum shopping'. It is therefore necessary to establish clear rules of international jurisdiction.
- (31) This Regulation does not preclude the application to designs protected by Community designs of the industrial property laws or other relevant laws of the Member States,

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such as those relating to design protection acquired by registration or those relating to unregistered designs, trade marks, patents and utility models, unfair competition or civil liability.

- (32) In the absence of the complete harmonisation of copyright law, it is important to establish the principle of cumulation of protection under the Community design and under copyright law, whilst leaving Member States free to establish the extent of copyright protection and the conditions under which such protection is conferred.
- (33) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission⁽⁵⁾,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

TITLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

F1 Article 1

Supplementary unregistered design

- 1 A design which complies with the conditions contained in this Regulation is referred to as a “supplementary unregistered design”.
- 2 A design shall be protected as a supplementary unregistered design, if made available to the public in the manner provided for in this Regulation.
- 3 But a design that is made available to the public before IP completion day is not protected under this Regulation.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Art. 1 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 2** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 17(a), 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F2 Article 2

Office

Textual Amendments

- F2** Art. 2 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 3** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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TITLE II

THE LAW RELATING TO DESIGNS

Section 1

Requirements for protection

Article 3

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation:

- (a) ‘design’ means the appearance of the whole or a part of a product resulting from the features of, in particular, the lines, contours, colours, shape, texture and/or materials of the product itself and/or its ornamentation;
- (b) ‘product’ means any industrial or handicraft item, including *inter alia* parts intended to be assembled into a complex product, packaging, get-up, graphic symbols and typographic typefaces, but excluding computer programs;
- (c) ‘complex product’ means a product which is composed of multiple components which can be replaced permitting disassembly and re-assembly of the product;
- (d) [^{F3}‘qualifying country’ and ‘qualifying territory’ mean a country or territory designated by regulations made under Article 7.]

Textual Amendments

- F3** Art. 3(d) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 4** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 4

Requirements for protection

- 1 A design shall be protected by a [^{F4}supplementary unregistered] design to the extent that it is new and has individual character.
- 2 A design applied to or incorporated in a product which constitutes a component part of a complex product shall only be considered to be new and to have individual character:
 - a if the component part, once it has been incorporated into the complex product, remains visible during normal use of the latter; and
 - b to the extent that those visible features of the component part fulfil in themselves the requirements as to novelty and individual character.
- 3 ‘Normal use’ within the meaning of paragraph (2)(a) shall mean use by the end user, excluding maintenance, servicing or repair work.

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Textual Amendments

- F4** Words in Art. 4(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 5** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 5

Novelty

1 A design shall be considered to be new if no identical design has been made available to the public:

- a in the case of [^{F5}a supplementary] unregistered ^{F6}... design, before the date on which the design for which protection is claimed has first been made available to the public;
- ^{F7}b

2 Designs shall be deemed to be identical if their features differ only in immaterial details.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Words in Art. 5(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F6** Word in Art. 5(1)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 6(a)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F7** Art. 5(1)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 6(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 6

Individual character

1 A design shall be considered to have individual character if the overall impression it produces on the informed user differs from the overall impression produced on such a user by any design which has been made available to the public:

- a in the case of [^{F8}a supplementary] unregistered ^{F9}... design, before the date on which the design for which protection is claimed has first been made available to the public;
- ^{F10}b

2 In assessing individual character, the degree of freedom of the designer in developing the design shall be taken into consideration.

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Textual Amendments

- F8** Words in Art. 6(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 7(a)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F9** Word in Art. 6(1)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 7(a)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F10** Art. 6(1)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 7(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{FII}Article 7

Disclosure

1 Subject to paragraph 4, for the purposes of applying Articles 5 and 6, a supplementary unregistered design shall be deemed to have been made available to the public where paragraph 2 or 3 applies.

2 This paragraph applies where before IP completion day, the design was published or exhibited, used in trade or otherwise disclosed except where those events could not have become known in the normal course of business to the circles specialised in the sector operating within the European Union.

3 This paragraph applies where on or after IP completion day but before the date mentioned in Articles 5(1)(a) or 6(1)(a), the design was published or exhibited, used in trade or otherwise disclosed except where those events could not have become known in the normal course of business to the circles specialised in the sector operating within the United Kingdom, a qualifying country or a qualifying territory.

4. A design shall not, however, be deemed to have been made available to the public for the sole reason that it has been disclosed to a third person under explicit or implicit conditions of confidentiality.

5. For the purposes of this Regulation, a “qualifying country” is a country designated as such, and a “qualifying territory” is a territory designated as such, in Regulations made by the Secretary of State.

6. Regulations under paragraph 5 are to be made by statutory instrument and are subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House.]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Art. 7 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 8** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 17(b), 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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Article 8

Designs dictated by their technical function and designs of interconnections

1 A [^{F12}supplementary unregistered] design shall not subsist in features of appearance of a product which are solely dictated by its technical function.

2 A [^{F12}supplementary unregistered] design shall not subsist in features of appearance of a product which must necessarily be reproduced in their exact form and dimensions in order to permit the product in which the design is incorporated or to which it is applied to be mechanically connected to or placed in, around or against another product so that either product may perform its function.

3 Notwithstanding paragraph 2, a [^{F12}supplementary unregistered] design shall under the conditions set out in Articles 5 and 6 subsist in a design serving the purpose of allowing the multiple assembly or connection of mutually interchangeable products within a modular system.

Textual Amendments

F12 Words in Art. 8 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 9** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 9

Designs contrary to public policy or morality

A [^{F13}supplementary unregistered] design shall not subsist in a design which is contrary to public policy or to accepted principles of morality.

Textual Amendments

F13 Words in Art. 9 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 9** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Section 2

Scope and term of protection

Article 10

Scope of protection

1 The scope of the protection conferred by a [^{F14}supplementary unregistered] design shall include any design which does not produce on the informed user a different overall impression.

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2 In assessing the scope of protection, the degree of freedom of the designer in developing his design shall be taken into consideration.

Textual Amendments

- F14** Words in Art. 10(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 9** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 11

Commencement and term of protection of the [^{F15}supplementary] unregistered ^{F16}... design

1 A design which meets the requirements under Section 1 shall be protected by [^{F17}a supplementary] unregistered ^{F18}... design for a period of three years as from the date on which the design was first made available to the public within the [^{F19}United Kingdom, a qualifying country or a qualifying territory].

2 For the purpose of paragraph 1, a design shall be deemed to have been made available to the public within the [^{F20}United Kingdom, a qualifying country or a qualifying territory] if it has been published, exhibited, used in trade or otherwise disclosed in such a way that, in the normal course of business, these events could reasonably have become known to the circles specialised in the sector concerned, operating within the [^{F20}United Kingdom, a qualifying country or a qualifying territory]. The design shall not, however, be deemed to have been made available to the public for the sole reason that it has been disclosed to a third person under explicit or implicit conditions of confidentiality.

Textual Amendments

- F15** Word in Art. 11 heading inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 10(a)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F16** Word in Art. 11 heading omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 10(a)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F17** Words in Art. 11(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 10(b)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F18** Word in Art. 11(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 10(b)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F19** Words in Art. 11(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 10(b)(iii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F20** Words in Art. 11(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 10(c)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F21 Article 12

Commencement and term of protection of the registered Community design

Textual Amendments

F21 Art. 12 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 11** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F22 Article 13

Renewal

Textual Amendments

F22 Art. 13 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 11** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Section 3

Right to the [^{F23}supplementary unregistered] design

Article 14

Right to the [^{F24}supplementary unregistered] design

1 The right to the [^{F24}supplementary unregistered] design shall vest in the designer or his successor in title.

2 If two or more persons have jointly developed a design, the right to the [^{F24}supplementary unregistered] design shall vest in them jointly.

3 However, where a design is developed by an employee in the execution of his duties or following the instructions given by his employer, the right to the [^{F24}supplementary unregistered] design shall vest in the employer, unless otherwise agreed ^{F25}....

Textual Amendments

F24 Words in Art. 14 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 13(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F25 Words in Art. 14(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 13(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 15

Claims relating to the entitlement to a [^{F26}supplementary unregistered] design

1 If [^{F27}a supplementary] unregistered ^{F28}... design is disclosed or claimed by ^{F29}... a person who is not entitled to it under Article 14, the person entitled to it under that provision may, without prejudice to any other remedy which may be open to him, claim to become recognised as the legitimate holder of [^{F30}that] design.

2 Where a person is jointly entitled to a [^{F31}supplementary unregistered] design, that person may, in accordance with paragraph 1, claim to become recognised as joint holder.

3 Legal proceedings under paragraphs 1 or 2 shall be barred three years after ^{F32}... the date of disclosure of [^{F33}a supplementary] unregistered ^{F34}... design. This provision shall not apply if the person who is not entitled to [^{F35}that] design was acting in bad faith at the time when such design was ^{F36}... disclosed or was assigned to him.

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Textual Amendments

F26 Words in Art. 15 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F27 Words in Art. 15(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(b)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F28 Word in Art. 15(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(b)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F29 Words in Art. 15(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(b)(iii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F30 Word in Art. 15(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(b)(iv)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F31 Words in Art. 15(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(c)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F32 Words in Art. 15(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(d)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F33 Words in Art. 15(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(d)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F34 Word in Art. 15(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(d)(iii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- F35** Word in Art. 15(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(d)(iv)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F36** Words in Art. 15(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(d)(v)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F37** Art. 15(4) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14(e)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F38 **Article 16**

Effects of a judgement on entitlement to a registered Community design

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Textual Amendments

- F38** Arts. 16-18 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 15** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F38 **Article 17**

Presumption in favour of the registered holder of the design

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Textual Amendments

- F38** Arts. 16-18 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 15** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F38 **Article 18**

Right of the designer to be cited

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Textual Amendments

- F38** Arts. 16-18 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 15** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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Textual Amendments

- F23** Words in Title 2 Section 3 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 12** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Section 4

Effects of the [^{F39}supplementary unregistered] design

Article 19

Rights conferred by the [^{F40}supplementary unregistered] design

1 A [^{F41}supplementary unregistered] design shall confer on its holder the exclusive right to use it and to prevent any third party not having his consent from using it. The aforementioned use shall cover, in particular, the making, offering, putting on the market, importing, exporting or using of a product in which the design is incorporated or to which it is applied, or stocking such a product for those purposes.

2 [^{F42}A supplementary] unregistered ^{F43}... design shall, however, confer on its holder the right to prevent the acts referred to in paragraph 1 only if the contested use results from copying the protected design.

The contested use shall not be deemed to result from copying the protected design if it results from an independent work of creation by a designer who may be reasonably thought not to be familiar with the design made available to the public by the holder.

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Textual Amendments

- F40** Words in Art. 19 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 17(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F41** Words in Art. 19(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 17(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F42** Words in Art. 19(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 17(c)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F43** Word in Art. 19(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 17(c)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F44** Art. 19(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 17(d)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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Article 20

Limitation of the rights conferred by a [F45supplementary unregistered] design

1 The rights conferred by a [F46supplementary unregistered] design shall not be exercised in respect of:

- a acts done privately and for non-commercial purposes;
- b acts done for experimental purposes;
- c acts of reproduction for the purpose of making citations or of teaching, provided that such acts are compatible with fair trade practice and do not unduly prejudice the normal exploitation of the design, and that mention is made of the source.

2 In addition, the rights conferred by a [F47supplementary unregistered] design shall not be exercised in respect of:

- a the equipment on ships and aircraft registered in a third country when these temporarily enter the territory of the [F48United Kingdom];
- b the importation in the [F49United Kingdom] of spare parts and accessories for the purpose of repairing such craft;
- c the execution of repairs on such craft.

Textual Amendments

- F45** Words in Art. 20 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 18(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F46** Words in Art. 20(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 18(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F47** Words in Art. 20(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 18(b)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F48** Words in Art. 20(2)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 18(b)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F49** Words in Art. 20(2)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 18(b)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 21

Exhaustion of rights

The rights conferred by a [F50supplementary unregistered] design shall not extend to acts relating to a product in which a design included within the scope of protection of the [F50supplementary unregistered] design is incorporated or to which it is applied, when the product has been put on the market in the [F51United Kingdom or the European Economic Area] by the holder of the [F50supplementary unregistered] design or with his consent.

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Textual Amendments

- F50** Words in Art. 21 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 19(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F51** Words in Art. 21 substituted (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2019/638](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 19(b)** (as substituted by [The Intellectual Property \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1050\)](#), regs. 1(2), **17(c)**)

^{F52}Article 22

Rights of prior use in respect of a registered Community design

Textual Amendments

- F52** Art. 22 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 20** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F53}Article 23

Government use

Textual Amendments

- F53** Art. 23 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 20** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Textual Amendments

- F39** Words in Title 2 Section 4 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 16** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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Section 5

Invalidity

Article 24

Declaration of invalidity

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2 A [^{F55}supplementary unregistered] design may be declared invalid even after [^{F56}it] has lapsed ^{F57}....

3 An unregistered [^{F58}supplementary unregistered] design shall be declared invalid by a ^{F59}... design court on application to such a court or on the basis of a counterclaim in infringement proceedings.

Textual Amendments

F54 Art. 24(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F55 Words in Art. 24(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21(b)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F56 Word in Art. 24(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21(b)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F57 Words in Art. 24(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21(b)(iii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F58 Words in Art. 24(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21(c)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F59 Word in Art. 24(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21(c)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 25

Grounds for invalidity

1 A [^{F60}supplementary unregistered] design may be declared invalid only in the following cases:

- a if the design does not correspond to the definition under Article 3(a);
- b if it does not fulfil the requirements of Articles 4 to 9;
- c if, by virtue of a court decision, the right holder is not entitled to the ^{F61}... design under Article 14;

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- e if a distinctive sign is used in a subsequent design, and ^{F63}... the law ^{F64}... governing that sign confers on the right holder of the sign the right to prohibit such use;

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- f if the design constitutes an unauthorised use of a work protected under ^{F65}... copyright law ^{F66}...;
- g if the design constitutes an improper use of any of the items listed in Article 6ter of the ‘Paris Convention’ for the Protection of Industrial Property hereafter referred to as the ‘Paris Convention’, or of badges, emblems and escutcheons other than those covered by the said Article 6ter and which are of particular public interest in [^{F67}the United Kingdom, a qualifying country or a qualifying territory].
- 2 The ground provided for in paragraph (1)(c) may be invoked solely by the person who is entitled to the [^{F68}supplementary unregistered] design under Article 14.
- 3 The grounds provided for in paragraph (1) ^{F69}..., (e) and (f) may be invoked solely by ^{F70}... holder of the earlier right.
- 4 The ground provided for in paragraph (1)(g) may be invoked solely by the person or entity concerned by the use.
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Textual Amendments

- F60** Words in Art. 25(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(a)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F61** Word in Art. 25(1)(c) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(a)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F62** Art. 25(1)(d) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(a)(iii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F63** Words in Art. 25(1)(e) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(a)(iv)(aa)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F64** Words in Art. 25(1)(e) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(a)(iv)(bb)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F65** Word in Art. 25(1)(f) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(a)(v)(aa)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F66** Words in Art. 25(1)(f) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(a)(v)(bb)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F67** Words in Art. 25(1)(g) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(a)(vi)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F68** Words in Art. 25(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F69** Word in Art. 25(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(c)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- F70** Words in Art. 25(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(c)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F71** Art. 25(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(d)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F72** Art. 25(6) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22(d)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 26

Consequences of invalidity

1 A [^{F73}supplementary unregistered] design shall be deemed not to have had, as from the outset, the effects specified in this Regulation, to the extent that it has been declared invalid.

2 Subject to ^{F74}... claims for compensation for damage caused by negligence or lack of good faith on the part of the holder of the [^{F75}supplementary unregistered] design, or to unjust enrichment, the retroactive effect of invalidity of the [^{F75}supplementary unregistered] design shall not affect:

- a any decision on infringement which has acquired the authority of a final decision and been enforced prior to the invalidity decision;
- b any contract concluded prior to the invalidity decision, in so far as it has been performed before the decision; however, repayment, to an extent justified by the circumstances, of sums paid under the relevant contract may be claimed on grounds of equity.

Textual Amendments

- F73** Words in Art. 26(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 23(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F74** Words in Art. 26(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 23(b)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F75** Words in Art. 26(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 23(b)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

TITLE III

[^{F76}SUPPLEMENTARY UNREGISTERED] DESIGNS AS OBJECTS OF PROPERTY

Article 27

[^{F77}Property right]

[^{F78}A supplementary unregistered design is personal property (in Scotland, incorporeal moveable property) which subsists in accordance with this Regulation.]

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Textual Amendments

- F77** Art. 27 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 25(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F78** Words in Art. 27 substituted for Art. 27(1)-(4) (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 25(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F79}Article 28

Transfer of the registered Community design

Textual Amendments

- F79** Arts. 28-31 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 26** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F79}Article 29

Rights in rem on a registered Community design

Textual Amendments

- F79** Arts. 28-31 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 26** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F79}Article 30

Levy of execution

Textual Amendments

- F79** Arts. 28-31 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 26** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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^{F79}Article 31

Insolvency proceedings

Textual Amendments

F79 Arts. 28-31 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 26** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 32

Licensing

1 A [^{F80}supplementary unregistered] design may be licensed ^{F81}.... A licence may be exclusive or non-exclusive.

2 Without prejudice to any legal proceedings based on the law of contract, the holder may invoke the rights conferred by the [^{F82}supplementary unregistered] design against a licensee who contravenes any provision in his licensing contract with regard to its duration, the form in which the design may be used, the range of products for which the licence is granted and the quality of products manufactured by the licensee.

3 Without prejudice to the provisions of the licensing contract, the licensee may bring proceedings for infringement of a [^{F82}supplementary unregistered] design only if the right holder consents thereto. However, the holder of an exclusive licence may bring such proceedings if the right holder in the [^{F82}supplementary unregistered] design, having been given notice to do so, does not himself bring infringement proceedings within an appropriate period.

4 A licensee shall, for the purpose of obtaining compensation for damage suffered by him, be entitled to intervene in an infringement action brought by the right holder in a [^{F82}supplementary unregistered] design.

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Textual Amendments

F80 Words in Art. 32(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 27(a)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F81 Words in Art. 32(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 27(a)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F82 Words in Art. 32(2)-(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 27(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 17(d), 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F83 Art. 32(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 27(c)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 **Article 33**

Effects vis-à-vis third parties

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Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 **Article 34**

The application for a registered Community design as an object of property

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Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Textual Amendments

F76 Words in Title 3 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 24** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

TITLE IV

APPLICATION FOR A REGISTERED COMMUNITY DESIGN

Section 1

Filing of applications and the conditions which govern them

^{F84}Article 35

Filing and forwarding of applications

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F84}Article 36

Conditions with which applications must comply

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F84}Article 37

Multiple applications

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

F84 Article 38

Date of filing

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 39

Equivalence of Community filing with national filing

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 40

Classification

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Section 2

Priority

F84 Article 41

Right of priority

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 42

Claiming priority

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 43

Effect of priority right

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 44

Exhibition priority

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

TITLE V

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

F84 Article 45

Examination as to formal requirements for filing

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 46

Remediable deficiencies

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 47

Grounds for non-registrability

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 48

Registration

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 49

Publication

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 50

Deferment of publication

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

TITLE VI

SURRENDER AND INVALIDITY OF THE REGISTERED COMMUNITY DESIGN

F84 Article 51

Surrender

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

F84 Article 52

Application for a declaration of invalidity

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 53

Examination of the application

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 54

Participation in the proceedings of the alleged infringer

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

TITLE VII

APPEALS

F84 Article 55

Decisions subject to appeal

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 **Article 56**

Persons entitled to appeal and to be parties to appeal proceedings

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 **Article 57**

Time limit and form of appeal

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 **Article 58**

Interlocutory revision

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 **Article 59**

Examination of appeals

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 60

Decisions in respect of appeals

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 61

Actions before the Court of Justice

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

TITLE VIII

PROCEDURE BEFORE THE OFFICE

Section 1

General provisions

F84 Article 62

Statement of reasons on which decisions are based

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 **Article 63**

Examination of the facts by the Office of its own motion

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 **Article 64**

Oral proceedings

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 **Article 65**

Taking of evidence

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 **Article 66**

Notification

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

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Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 67

Restitutio in integrum

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Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 68

Reference to general principles

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Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 69

Termination of financial obligations

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Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

Section 2

Costs

^{F84} Article 70

Apportionment of costs

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F84} Article 71

Enforcement of decisions fixing the amount of costs

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Section 3

Informing the public and the official authorities of the Member States

^{F84} Article 72

Register of Community designs

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

F84 Article 73

Periodical publications

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Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 74

Inspection of files

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Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 75

Administrative cooperation

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Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F84 Article 76

Exchange of publications

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Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Section 4

Representation

^{F84}Article 77

General principles of representation

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F84}Article 78

Professional representation

Textual Amendments

F84 Arts. 33-78 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 28** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

TITLE IX

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IN LEGAL ACTIONS RELATING TO [^{F85}SUPPLEMENTARY UNREGISTERED] DESIGNS

Section 1

Jurisdiction and enforcement

^{F86}Article 79

Application of the Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement

Textual Amendments

F86 Art. 79 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 30** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Section 2

Disputes concerning the infringement and validity of [^{F87}supplementary unregistered] designs

^{F88}Article 80

Community design courts

Textual Amendments

F88 Art. 80 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 32** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F89}Article 81

The “design court” – Jurisdiction over infringement and validity

1. In this Regulation, “design court” means—
 - a in England and Wales, the High Court;
 - b in Scotland, the sheriff court and the Court of Session; and
 - c in Northern Ireland, the county court and the High Court.

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2. The design court has exclusive jurisdiction—
 - a for infringement actions and actions in respect of threatened infringement of supplementary unregistered designs;
 - b for actions for declaration of non-infringement of supplementary unregistered designs;
 - c for actions for a declaration of invalidity of a supplementary unregistered design;
 - d for counterclaims for a declaration of invalidity of a supplementary unregistered design raised in connection with actions under (a).]

Textual Amendments

F89 Art. 81 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 33** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 17(e), 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F90 Article 82

International jurisdiction

Textual Amendments

F90 Art. 82 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 34** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F91 Article 83

Extent of jurisdiction on infringement

Textual Amendments

F91 Art. 83 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 34** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 84

Action or counterclaim for a declaration of invalidity of a [^{F92}supplementary unregistered] design

1 An action or a counterclaim for a declaration of invalidity of a [^{F93}supplementary unregistered] design may only be based on the grounds for invalidity mentioned in Article 25.

2 In the cases referred to in Article 25(2), (3), [^{F94}and] (4) ^{F95}... the action or the counterclaim may be brought solely by the person entitled under those provisions.

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3 If the counterclaim is brought in a legal action to which the right holder of the [^{F96}supplementary unregistered] design is not already a party, he shall be informed thereof and may be joined as a party to the action in accordance with the [^{F97}laws applying to the design courts].

4 The validity of a [^{F98}supplementary unregistered] design may not be put in issue in an action for a declaration of non-infringement.

Textual Amendments

- F92** Words in Art. 84 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 35(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F93** Words in Art. 84(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 35(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F94** Word in Art. 84(2) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 35(b)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F95** Words in Art. 84(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 35(b)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F96** Words in Art. 84(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 35(c)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F97** Words in Art. 84(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 35(c)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F98** Words in Art. 84(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 35(d)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 85

Presumption of validity — defence as to the merits

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2 In proceedings in respect of an infringement action or an action for threatened infringement of [^{F100}a supplementary] unregistered [^{F101}... design, the [^{F101}... design court shall treat the [^{F102}supplementary unregistered] design as valid if the right holder produces proof that the conditions laid down in Article 11 have been met and indicates what constitutes the individual character of his [^{F102}supplementary unregistered] design. However, the defendant may contest its validity by way of a plea or with a counterclaim for a declaration of invalidity.

Textual Amendments

- F99** Art. 85(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 36(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- F100** Words in Art. 85(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 36(b)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F101** Word in Art. 85(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 36(b)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F102** Words in Art. 85(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 36(b)(iii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 86

Judgements of invalidity

- 1 Where in a proceeding before a ^{F103}... design court the [^{F104}supplementary unregistered] design has been put in issue by way of a counterclaim for a declaration of invalidity:
- a if any of the grounds mentioned in Article 25 are found to prejudice the maintenance of [^{F105}that] design, the court shall declare [^{F105}that] design invalid;
 - b if none of the grounds mentioned in Article 25 is found to prejudice the maintenance of [^{F106}that] design, the court shall reject the counterclaim.

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Textual Amendments

- F103** Word in Art. 86(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(i)(aa)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F104** Words in Art. 86(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(i)(bb)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F105** Word in Art. 86(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F106** Word in Art. 86(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F107** Art. 86(2)-(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 37(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F108 Article 87

Effects of the judgement on invalidity

Textual Amendments

F108 Art. 87 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 38** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F109 Article 88

Applicable law

Textual Amendments

F109 Art. 88 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 38** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 89

Sanctions in actions for infringement

1 Where in an action for infringement or for threatened infringement a ^{F110}... design court finds that the defendant has infringed or threatened to infringe a [^{F111}supplementary unregistered] design, it shall, unless there are special reasons for not doing so, order the following measures:

- a an order prohibiting the defendant from proceeding with the acts which have infringed or would infringe [^{F112}that] design;
- b an order to seize the infringing products;
- c an order to seize materials and implements predominantly used in order to manufacture the infringing goods, if their owner knew the effect for which such use was intended or if such effect would have been obvious in the circumstances;
- d any order imposing other sanctions appropriate under the circumstances which are provided by ^{F113}... law.

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Textual Amendments

F110 Word in Art. 89(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 39(a)(i)(aa)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- F111** Words in Art. 89(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 39(a)(i)(bb)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F112** Word in Art. 89(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 39(a)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F113** Words in Art. 89(1)(d) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 39(a)(iii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F114** Art. 89(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 39(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 90

Provisional measures, including protective measures

1 Application may be made to the courts ^{F115}..., including ^{F116}... design courts, for such provisional measures, including protective measures, in respect of a [^{F117}supplementary unregistered] design as may be available ^{F118}....

2 In proceedings relating to provisional measures, including protective measures, a plea otherwise than by way of counterclaim relating to the invalidity of a [^{F119}supplementary unregistered] design submitted by the defendant shall be admissible. Article 85(2) shall, however, apply *mutatis mutandis*.

3 A ^{F120}... design court ^{F121}... shall have jurisdiction to grant provisional measures, including protective measures ^{F122}....

Textual Amendments

- F115** Words in Art. 90(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(a)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F116** Word in Art. 90(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(a)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F117** Words in Art. 90(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(a)(iii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F118** Words in Art. 90(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(a)(iv)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F119** Words in Art. 90(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F120** Word in Art. 90(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(c)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F121** Words in Art. 90(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(c)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F122 Words in Art. 90(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(c)(iii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F123 Article 91

Specific rules on related actions

Textual Amendments

F123 Art. 91 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 41** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F124 Article 92

Jurisdiction of Community design courts of second instance — further appeal

Textual Amendments

F124 Art. 92 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 41** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Textual Amendments

F87 Words in Title 9 Section 2 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 31** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Section 3

Other disputes concerning [^{F125}supplementary unregistered] designs

F126 Article 93

Supplementary provisions on the jurisdiction of national courts other than Community design courts

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F126 Art. 93 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 43** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 94

Obligation of the [^{F127}design] court

A [^{F127}design] court which is dealing with an action relating to a [^{F128}supplementary unregistered] design other than the actions referred to in Article 81 shall treat the design as valid. Articles 85(2) and 90(2) shall, however, apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Textual Amendments

F127 Word in Art. 94 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 44(a)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F128 Words in Art. 94 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 44(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Textual Amendments

F125 Words in Title 9 Section 3 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 42** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Textual Amendments

F85 Words in Title 9 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 29** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F129}TITLE X

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Article 96

Relationship to other forms of protection under national law

Textual Amendments

F129 Title 10 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 45** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F130}TITLE XI

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Textual Amendments

F130 Title 11 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 46** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002. (See end of Document for details)

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Textual Amendments

F131 Title 11A omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 47** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

TITLE XII

FINAL PROVISIONS

F132 Article 107

Implementing regulation

Textual Amendments

F132 Arts. 107-109 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 48** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F132 Article 108

Rules of procedure of the Boards of Appeal

Textual Amendments

F132 Arts. 107-109 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 48** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F132 Article 109

Committee

Textual Amendments

F132 Arts. 107-109 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 48** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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Article 110

Transitional provision

1 ^{F133}... Protection as a [^{F134}supplementary unregistered] design shall not exist for a design which constitutes a component part of a complex product used within the meaning of Article 19(1) for the purpose of the repair of that complex product so as to restore its original appearance.

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Textual Amendments

F133 Words in Art. 110(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 49(a)(i)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F134 Words in Art. 110(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 49(a)(ii)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F135 Art. 110(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 49(b)** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

^{F136}Article 110a

Provisions relating to the enlargement of the Community

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Textual Amendments

F136 Art. 110a omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 50** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 111

Entry into force

1 This Regulation shall enter into force on the 60th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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Textual Amendments

F137 Art. 111(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 51** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F138 Art. 111(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 51** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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Textual Amendments

F139 Words in Signature omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 52** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- (1) OJ C 29, 31.1.1994, p. 20 and OJ C 248, 29.8.2000, p. 3.
- (2) OJ C 67, 1.3.2001, p. 318.
- (3) OJ C 110, 2.5.1995 and OJ C 75, 15.3.2000, p. 35.
- (4) OJ L 289, 28.10.1998, p. 28.
- (5) OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

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