



# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 48

### PART III

#### DESIGN RIGHT

#### CHAPTER I

##### DESIGN RIGHT IN ORIGINAL DESIGNS

##### *Introductory*

#### **216 Duration of design right.**

- (1) Design right expires—
  - (a) fifteen years from the end of the calendar year in which the design was first recorded in a design document or an article was first made to the design, whichever first occurred, or
  - (b) if articles made to the design are made available for sale or hire within five years from the end of that calendar year, ten years from the end of the calendar year in which that first occurred.
- (2) The reference in subsection (1) to articles being made available for sale or hire is to their being made so available anywhere in the world by or with the licence of the design right owner.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Section 216.