



Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 48

PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

[^{F1}Computer programs

^{F2}^{F1}296A Avoidance of certain terms.

- (1) Where a person has the use of a computer program under an agreement, any term or condition in the agreement shall be void in so far as it purports to prohibit or restrict—
 - (a) the making of any back up copy of the program which it is necessary for him to have for the purposes of the agreed use;
 - (b) where the conditions in section 50B(2) are met, the decompiling of the program; or
 - ^{F3}(c) the observing, studying or testing of the functioning of the program in accordance with section 50BA.]
- (2) In this section, decompile, in relation to a computer program, has the same meaning as in section 50B]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Cross heading and s. 296A inserted (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3233](#), [reg.11](#)
- F2** S. 296A inserted (1.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3233](#), [reg.11](#).
- F3** S. 296A(1)(c) substituted (31.10.2003) by [The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2498\)](#), [reg. 15\(4\)](#) (with [regs. 31-40](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Section 296A.