



Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

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PART I

COPYRIGHT

CHAPTER III

ACTS PERMITTED IN RELATION TO COPYRIGHT WORKS

Public administration

50 Acts done under statutory authority.

- (1) Where the doing of a particular act is specifically authorised by an Act of Parliament, whenever passed, then, unless the Act provides otherwise, the doing of that act does not infringe copyright.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies in relation to an enactment contained in Northern Ireland legislation as it applies in relation to an Act of Parliament.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as excluding any defence of statutory authority otherwise available under or by virtue of any enactment.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 50 applied by [Freedom of Information Act 2000 \(c. 36\), s. 80\(3\)](#) (as added (1.1.2005) by [The Freedom of Information \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(Consequential Modifications\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/3089\)](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#))
- C2** S. 50(1) modified (1.3.2010) by [The Scottish Register of Tartans Act 2008 \(Consequential Modifications\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/180\)](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#) (with [art. 2\(4\)](#))
- C3** S. 50(1) modified (26.2.2015) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Modifications\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/374\)](#), [arts. 1\(1\), 3\(3\)](#) (with [art. 3\(4\)](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Section 50.