

*These notes refer to the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003
(c.28) which received Royal Assent on 30 October 2003*

LEGAL DEPOSIT LIBRARIES ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Non-Print Publications

Section 7: Restrictions on activities in relation to non-print publications

16. This provides that the libraries, persons acting on their behalf and readers may not do any of the activities listed in *subsection (2)* – using the material, copying it, adapting any accompanying computer program or database, lending it to a third party, transferring it to a third party, disposing of it – unless authorised by regulations.
17. Under subsection (4) those regulations may in particular make provision about the purposes for which the deposited material may be used; the time at which readers may first use the material (thereby allowing embargoes to be established); the description of readers that may use the material and limitations on the number of readers that may use the material at any one time (which will enable cross-library limits to be imposed if there is a secure network, in addition to limiting the number of people that may access the material simultaneously in any particular library).
18. Subsection (5)(d) provides that the Faculty of Advocates, which acts as the deposit library for legal publications in Scotland, is deemed to be a deposit library for these purposes in respect of the legal publications it holds.
19. Subsection (6) provides that a contravention of the section will be actionable as a breach of statutory duty.