



Registered Designs Act 1949

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Register of designs, etc .

22 [^{F1}(1) Where a design has been registered under this Act, there shall be open to inspection at the Patent Office on and after the day on which the certificate of registration is [^{F2}granted]—

(a) the representation or specimen of the design, ^{F3}

^{F3}(b)

This subsection has effect subject to [^{F4}subsection (4)] and to any rules made under section 5(2) of this Act.]

^{F5}(2)

^{F5}(3)

[^{F6}(4) Where registration of a design has been refused pursuant to an application under this Act, or an application under this Act has been abandoned in relation to any design—

(a) the application, so far as relating to that design, and

(b) any representation, specimen or other document which has been filed and relates to that design,

shall not at any time be open to inspection at the Patent Office or be published by the registrar.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 22(1) substituted by [Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 \(c. 48, SIF 67A\)](#), s. 272, **Sch. 3 para. 12(2)**

F2 Word in s. 22(1) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Regulatory Reform \(Registered Designs\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1974\)](#), arts. 1(1), **16(2)(a)**

F3 S. 22(1)(b) and preceding “and” repealed (9.12.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3949](#), reg. 9(2), **Sch. 2** (with transitional provisions in [regs. 10-14](#))

F4 Words in s. 22(1) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Regulatory Reform \(Registered Designs\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1974\)](#), arts. 1(1), **16(2)(b)** (with art. 19)

Changes to legislation: Registered Designs Act 1949, Section 22 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 January 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) [View outstanding changes](#)

- F5** S. 22(2)(3) omitted (1.10.2006) by virtue of [Regulatory Reform \(Registered Designs\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1974\)](#), arts. 1(1), **16(3)** (with art. 19)
- F6** S. 22(4) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Regulatory Reform \(Registered Designs\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1974\)](#), arts. 1(1), **15**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 22(1) words substituted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(3\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 22(1)(aa) and word inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 22(5) inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 22(6)(7) inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(5\)](#)