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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1995 No. 3297**

**The Duration of Copyright and Rights  
in Performances Regulations 1995**

**Part III**

**Savings and transitional provisions**

*Copyright*

**Copyright: interpretation**

**14.**—(1) In the provisions of this Part relating to copyright—

- (a) “existing”, in relation to a work, means made before commencement; and
- (b) “existing copyright work” means a work in which copyright subsisted immediately before commencement.

(2) For the purposes of those provisions a work of which the making extended over a period shall be taken to have been made when its making was completed.

(3) References in those provisions to “moral rights” are to the rights conferred by Chapter IV of Part I of the 1988 Act.

**Duration of copyright: general saving**

**15.**—(1) Copyright in an existing copyright work shall continue to subsist until the date on which it would have expired under the 1988 provisions if that date is later than the date on which copyright would expire under the new provisions.

(2) Where paragraph (1) has effect, section 57 of the 1988 Act (anonymous or pseudonymous works: acts permitted on assumptions as to expiry of copyright or death of author) applies as it applied immediately before commencement (that is, without the amendments made by Regulation 5(2)).

**Duration of copyright: application of new provisions**

**16.** The new provisions relating to duration of copyright apply—

- (a) to copyright works made after commencement;
- (b) to existing works which first qualify for copyright protection after commencement;
- (c) to existing copyright works, subject to Regulation 15 (general saving for any longer period applicable under 1988 provisions);<sup>F1</sup> ...
- (d) to existing works in which copyright expired before 31st December 1995 but which were on 1st July 1995 protected in [<sup>F2</sup>an EEA state] under legislation relating to copyright or related rights [<sup>F3</sup>; and]

[<sup>F4</sup>(e) to existing works which qualify for copyright protection as a result of the disapplication of paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 1 to the 1988 Act by sub-paragraph (1A) of paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the 1988 Act.]

- F1** Word in reg. 16(c) omitted (6.4.2017) by virtue of [The Copyright \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1210\)](#), regs. 1, **3(2)(a)**
- F2** Words in reg. 16(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Intellectual Property \(Copyright and Related Rights\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/605\)](#), regs. 1(2), **26(2)** (with reg. 38) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 4); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Word in reg. 16(d) substituted (6.4.2017) by [The Copyright \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1210\)](#), regs. 1, **3(2)(b)**
- F4** Reg. 16(e) inserted (6.4.2017) by [The Copyright \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1210\)](#), regs. 1, **3(2)(c)**

### Extended and revived copyright

**17.** In the following provisions of this Part—  
 “extended copyright” means any copyright which subsists by virtue of the new provisions after the date on which it would have expired under the 1988 provisions; and  
 “revived copyright” means any copyright which subsists by virtue of the new provisions after having expired under the 1988 provisions or any earlier enactment relating to copyright.

### Ownership of extended copyright

**18.—(1)** The person who is the owner of the copyright in a work immediately before commencement is as from commencement the owner of any extended copyright in the work, subject as follows.

(2) If he is entitled to copyright for a period less than the whole of the copyright period under the 1988 provisions, any extended copyright is part of the reversionary interest expectant on the termination of that period.

### Ownership of revived copyright

**19.—(1)** The person who was the owner of the copyright in a work immediately before it expired (the “former copyright owner”) is as from commencement the owner of any revived copyright in the work, subject as follows.

(2) If the former copyright owner has died before commencement, or in the case of a legal person has ceased to exist before commencement, the revived copyright shall vest—

- (a) in the case of a film, in the principal director of the film or his personal representatives, and
- (b) in any other case, in the author of the work or his personal representatives.

(3) Where revived copyright vests in personal representatives by virtue of paragraph (2), it shall be held by them for the benefit of the person who would have been entitled to it had it been vested in the principal director or author immediately before his death and had devolved as part of his estate.

### Prospective ownership of extended or revived copyright

**20.—(1)** Where by an agreement made before commencement in relation to extended or revived copyright, and signed by or on behalf of the prospective owner of the copyright, the prospective owner purports to assign the extended or revived copyright (wholly or partially) to another person, then if, on commencement the assignee or another person claiming under him would be entitled as

against all other persons to require the copyright to be vested in him, the copyright shall vest in the assignee or his successor in title by virtue of this paragraph.

(2) A licence granted by a prospective owner of extended or revived copyright is binding on every successor in title to his interest (or prospective interest) in the right, except a purchaser in good faith for valuable consideration and without notice (actual or constructive) of the licence or a person deriving title from such a purchaser; and references in Part I of the 1988 Act to doing anything with, or without, the licence of the copyright owner shall be construed accordingly.

(3) In paragraph (2) "prospective owner" includes a person who is prospectively entitled to extended or revived copyright by virtue of such an agreement as is mentioned in paragraph (1).

#### **Extended copyright: existing licences, agreement, &c.**

**21.**—(1) Any copyright licence, any term or condition of an agreement relating to the exploitation of a copyright work, or any waiver or assertion of moral rights, which—

- (a) subsists immediately before commencement in relation to an existing copyright work, and
- (b) is not to expire before the end of the copyright period under the 1988 provisions,

shall continue to have effect during the period of any extended copyright, subject to any agreement to the contrary.

(2) Any copyright licence, or term or condition relating to the exploitation of a copyright work, imposed by order of the Copyright Tribunal which—

- (a) subsists immediately before commencement in relation to an existing copyright work, and
- (b) is not to expire before the end of the copyright period under the 1988 provisions,

shall continue to have effect during the period of any extended copyright, subject to any further order of the Tribunal.

#### **Revived copyright: exercise of moral rights**

**22.**—(1) The following provisions have effect with respect to the exercise of moral rights in relation to a work in which there is revived copyright.

(2) Any waiver or assertion of moral rights which subsisted immediately before the expiry of copyright shall continue to have effect during the period of revived copyright.

(3) Moral rights are exercisable after commencement by the author of a work or, as the case may be, the director of a film in which revived copyright subsists, as with any other copyright work.

(4) Where the author or director died before commencement—

- (a) the rights conferred by—
  - section 77 (right to identification as author or director),
  - section 80 (right to object to derogatory treatment of work), or
  - section 85 (right to privacy of certain photographs and films),are exercisable after commencement by his personal representatives, and

- (b) any infringement after commencement of the right conferred by section 84 (false attribution) is actionable by his personal representatives.

(5) Any damages recovered by personal representatives by virtue of this Regulation in respect of an infringement after a person's death shall devolve as part of his estate as if the right of action had subsisted and been vested in him immediately before his death.

(6) Nothing in these Regulations shall be construed as causing a moral right to be exercisable if, or to the extent that, the right was excluded by virtue of paragraph 23 or 24 of Schedule 1 on the

commencement of the 1988 Act or would have been so excluded if copyright had not previously expired.

**Revived copyright: saving for acts of exploitation when work in public domain, &c.**

**23.**—(1) No act done before commencement shall be regarded as infringing revived copyright in a work.

(2) It is not an infringement of revived copyright in a work—

- (a) to do anything after commencement in pursuance of arrangements made before 1st January 1995 at a time when copyright did not subsist in the work, or
- (b) to issue to the public after commencement copies of the work made before 1st July 1995 at a time when copyright did not subsist in the work.

(3) It is not an infringement of revived copyright in a work to do anything after commencement in relation to a literary, dramatic, musical or artistic work or a film made before commencement, or made in pursuance of arrangements made before commencement, which contains a copy of that work or is an adaptation of that work if—

- (a) the copy or adaptation was made before 1st July 1995 at a time when copyright did not subsist in the work in which revived copyright subsists, or
- (b) the copy or adaptation was made in pursuance of arrangements made before 1st July 1995 at a time when copyright did not subsist in the work in which revived copyright subsists.

(4) It is not an infringement of revived copyright in a work to do after commencement anything which is a restricted act in relation to the work if the act is done at a time when, or is done in pursuance of arrangements made at a time when, the name and address of a person entitled to authorise the act cannot by reasonable inquiry be ascertained.

(5) In this Regulation “arrangements” means arrangements for the exploitation of the work in question.

(6) It is not an infringement of any moral right to do anything which by virtue of this Regulation is not an infringement of copyright.

**Revived copyright: use as of right subject to reasonable royalty**

<sup>F5</sup>**24.** . . . . .

**F5** Reg. 24 revoked (6.4.2017) by [The Copyright \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1210\)](#), regs. 1, **3(3)** (with reg. 4)

**Revived copyright: application to Copyright Tribunal**

<sup>F6</sup>**25.** . . . . .

**F6** Reg. 25 revoked (6.4.2017) by [The Copyright \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1210\)](#), regs. 1, **3(4)**

**Film sound tracks: application of new provisions**

**26.**—(1) The new provisions relating to the treatment of film sound tracks apply to existing sound tracks as from commencement.

(2) The owner of any copyright in a film has as from commencement corresponding rights as copyright owner in any existing sound track treated as part of the film; but without prejudice to any rights of the owner of the copyright in the sound track as a sound recording.

(3) Anything done before commencement under or in relation to the copyright in the sound recording continues to have effect and shall have effect, so far as concerns the sound track, in relation to the film as in relation to the sound recording.

(4) It is not an infringement of the copyright in the film (or of any moral right in the film) to do anything after commencement in pursuance of arrangements for the exploitation of the sound recording made before commencement.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Duration of Copyright and Rights in Performances Regulations 1995, Cross Heading: Copyright.