
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 2967

The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 1996

PART I

INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Citation, commencement and extent.

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 1996.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on 1st December 1996.
- (3) These Regulations extend to the whole of the United Kingdom.

Commencement Information

- I1** Reg. 1 in force at 1.12.1996, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992⁽¹⁾, as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993⁽²⁾; and

[^{F1}“EEA state” means a member State, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway.]

[^{F2}“national of the United Kingdom” has the meaning given by section 178 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988];

F1 Words in [reg. 2](#) substituted (29.4.2006) by [The Intellectual Property \(Enforcement, etc.\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1028\)](#), [reg. 1](#), [Sch. 3 para. 3](#)

F2 Words in [reg. 2](#) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Intellectual Property \(Copyright and Related Rights\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/605\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [27\(2\)](#) (with [reg. 38](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [4](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I2** Reg. 2 in force at 1.12.1996, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Implementation of Directives, &c.

3. These Regulations make provision for the purpose of implementing—

- (a) Council Directive No. [92/100/EEC](#) of 19 November 1992⁽³⁾ on rental right and lending right and on certain rights related to copyright in the field of intellectual property;
- (b) Council Directive No. [93/83/EEC](#) of 27 September 1993⁽⁴⁾ on the coordination of certain rules concerning copyright and rights related to copyright applicable to satellite broadcasting and cable retransmission;
- (c) the provisions of Council Directive No. [93/98/EEC](#) of 29 October 1993⁽⁵⁾ harmonizing the term of protection of copyright and certain related rights, so far as not implemented by the Duration of Copyright and Rights in Performances Regulations 1995⁽⁶⁾; and
- (d) certain obligations of the United Kingdom created by or arising under the EEA Agreement so far as relevant to the implementation of those Directives.

Commencement Information

I3 Reg. 3 in force at 1.12.1996, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Scheme of the regulations

4. The Copyright, Designs, and Patents Act 1988⁽⁷⁾ is amended in accordance with the provisions of Part II of these Regulations, subject to the savings and transitional provisions in Part III of these Regulations.

Commencement Information

I4 Reg. 4 in force at 1.12.1996, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

⁽³⁾ O.J. No. L346, 27.11.92, p. 61.
⁽⁴⁾ O.J. No. L248, 6.10.93, p. 15.
⁽⁵⁾ O.J. No. L290, 24.11.93, p. 9.
⁽⁶⁾ S.I.1995/3297.
⁽⁷⁾ 1988 c. 48.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 1996, PART I.