



Registered Designs Act 1949

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[^{F1}Meaning of “the court” and appeals]

[^{F1}27A Appeals from decisions of registrar

- (1) An appeal against a decision of the registrar under this Act may be made to—
 - (a) a person appointed by the Lord Chancellor (an “appointed person”), or
 - (b) the court.
- (2) On an appeal under this section to an appointed person, the appointed person may refer the appeal to the court if—
 - (a) it appears to the appointed person that a point of general legal importance is involved,
 - (b) the registrar requests that the appeal be so referred, or
 - (c) such a request is made by any party to the proceedings before the registrar in which the decision appealed against was made.
- (3) Before referring an appeal to the court under subsection (2), the appointed person must give the appellant and any other party to the appeal an opportunity to make representations as to whether it should be so referred.
- (4) Where, on an appeal under this section to an appointed person, the appointed person does not refer the appeal to the court—
 - (a) the appointed person must hear and determine the appeal, and
 - (b) the appointed person's decision is final.
- (5) Sections 30 and 31 (costs, evidence) apply to proceedings before an appointed person as they apply to proceedings before the registrar.
- (6) In the application of this section to England and Wales, “the court” means the High Court.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 27A, 27B inserted (15.7.2014 for specified purposes, 6.4.2015 in so far as not already in force) by [Intellectual Property Act 2014 \(c. 18\)](#), [ss. 10\(2\)](#), 24(1); [S.I. 2014/1715](#), [art. 3](#); [S.I. 2015/165](#), [art. 3](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 27A amendment to earlier affecting provision 2007 c. 15 s. 143(2) by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 49](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 143, which prospectively inserts s. 27A, was repealed without ever being in force (6.4.2015) by 2014 c. 18, s. 10(11); S.I. 2015/165, art. 3)
- s. 27A inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 143\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 143 repealed without ever being in force (6.4.2015) by 2014 c. 18, s. 10(11); S.I. 2015/165, art. 3)
- s. 27A(4)-(6) omitted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 21\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 143, which prospectively inserts s. 27A, was repealed without ever being in force (6.4.2015) by 2014 c. 18, s. 10(11); S.I. 2015/165, art. 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\(5\)](#)