

Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002 of 12 December 2001 on Community designs

TITLE II

THE LAW RELATING TO DESIGNS

Section 1

**Requirements for protection**

*Article 8*

**Designs dictated by their technical function and designs of interconnections**

- 1 A [<sup>F1</sup>supplementary unregistered] design shall not subsist in features of appearance of a product which are solely dictated by its technical function.
- 2 A [<sup>F1</sup>supplementary unregistered] design shall not subsist in features of appearance of a product which must necessarily be reproduced in their exact form and dimensions in order to permit the product in which the design is incorporated or to which it is applied to be mechanically connected to or placed in, around or against another product so that either product may perform its function.
- 3 Notwithstanding paragraph 2, a [<sup>F1</sup>supplementary unregistered] design shall under the conditions set out in Articles 5 and 6 subsist in a design serving the purpose of allowing the multiple assembly or connection of mutually interchangeable products within a modular system.

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in Art. 8 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 9** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1050, regs. 1(2), 14, 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

**Changes to legislation:**

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