

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

TITLE IX

**JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IN LEGAL ACTIONS
RELATING TO [F1 SUPPLEMENTARY UNREGISTERED] DESIGNS**

Section 2

**Disputes concerning the infringement and
validity of [F1 supplementary unregistered] designs**

F2 Article 80

Community design courts

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Textual Amendments

F2 Art. 80 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 32** (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)

[F3 Article 81

The “design court” – Jurisdiction over infringement and validity

1. In this Regulation, “design court” means—
 - a in England and Wales, the High Court;
 - b in Scotland, the sheriff court and the Court of Session; and
 - c in Northern Ireland, the county court and the High Court.
2. The design court has exclusive jurisdiction—
 - a for infringement actions and actions in respect of threatened infringement of supplementary unregistered designs;
 - b for actions for declaration of non-infringement of supplementary unregistered designs;
 - c for actions for a declaration of invalidity of a supplementary unregistered design;
 - d for counterclaims for a declaration of invalidity of a supplementary unregistered design raised in connection with actions under (a).]

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Textual Amendments

F3 Art. 81 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. 33** (with reg. 4, Sch. 2 Pt. 1) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1050](#), regs. 1(2), 14, 17(e), 19); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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^{F4}Article 82

International jurisdiction

Textual Amendments

- F4** Art. 82 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 34** (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)

^{F5}Article 83

Extent of jurisdiction on infringement

Textual Amendments

- F5** Art. 83 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 34** (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)

Article 84

Action or counterclaim for a declaration of invalidity of a [^{F6}supplementary unregistered] design

1 An action or a counterclaim for a declaration of invalidity of a [^{F7}supplementary unregistered] design may only be based on the grounds for invalidity mentioned in Article 25.

2 In the cases referred to in Article 25(2), (3), [^{F8}and] (4) ^{F9}... the action or the counterclaim may be brought solely by the person entitled under those provisions.

3 If the counterclaim is brought in a legal action to which the right holder of the [^{F10}supplementary unregistered] design is not already a party, he shall be informed thereof and may be joined as a party to the action in accordance with the [^{F11}laws applying to the design courts].

4 The validity of a [^{F12}supplementary unregistered] design may not be put in issue in an action for a declaration of non-infringement.

Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in Art. 84 heading 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. 35(a)** (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)

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- F7** Words in Art. 84(1) 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. 35(a)** (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)
- F8** Word in Art. 84(2) inserted (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. 35(b)(i)** (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)
- F9** Words in Art. 84(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 35(b)(ii)** (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)
- F10** Words in Art. 84(3) 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. 35(c)(i)** (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)
- F11** Words in Art. 84(3) 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. 35(c)(ii)** (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)
- F12** Words in Art. 84(4) 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. 35(d)** (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)

Article 85

Presumption of validity — defence as to the merits

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2 In proceedings in respect of an infringement action or an action for threatened infringement of [^{F14}a supplementary] unregistered ^{F15}... design, the ^{F15}... design court shall treat the [^{F16}supplementary unregistered] design as valid if the right holder produces proof that the conditions laid down in Article 11 have been met and indicates what constitutes the individual character of his [^{F16}supplementary unregistered] design. However, the defendant may contest its validity by way of a plea or with a counterclaim for a declaration of invalidity.

Textual Amendments

- F13** Art. 85(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 36(a)** (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)
- F14** Words in Art. 85(2) 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. 36(b)(i)** (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)
- F15** Word in Art. 85(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 36(b)(ii)** (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)
- F16** Words in Art. 85(2) 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. 36(b)(iii)** (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)

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Article 86

Judgements of invalidity

1 Where in a proceeding before a ^{F17}... design court the [^{F18}supplementary unregistered] design has been put in issue by way of a counterclaim for a declaration of invalidity:

- a if any of the grounds mentioned in Article 25 are found to prejudice the maintenance of [^{F19}that] design, the court shall declare [^{F19}that] design invalid;
- b if none of the grounds mentioned in Article 25 is found to prejudice the maintenance of [^{F20}that] design, the court shall reject the counterclaim.

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Textual Amendments

- F17** Word in Art. 86(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)(i)(aa)** (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)
- F18** Words in Art. 86(1) 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. 37(a)(i)(bb)** (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)
- F19** Word in Art. 86(1)(a) 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. 37(a)(ii)** (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)
- F20** Word in Art. 86(1)(b) 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. 37(a)(ii)** (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)
- F21** Art. 86(2)-(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 37(b)** (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)

^{F22}Article 87

Effects of the judgement on invalidity

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Textual Amendments

- F22** Art. 87 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 38** (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)

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^{F23}Article 88

Applicable law

Textual Amendments

- F23** Art. 88 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 38** (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)

Article 89

Sanctions in actions for infringement

1 Where in an action for infringement or for threatened infringement a ^{F24}... design court finds that the defendant has infringed or threatened to infringe a [^{F25}supplementary unregistered] design, it shall, unless there are special reasons for not doing so, order the following measures:

- a an order prohibiting the defendant from proceeding with the acts which have infringed or would infringe [^{F26}that] design;
- b an order to seize the infringing products;
- c an order to seize materials and implements predominantly used in order to manufacture the infringing goods, if their owner knew the effect for which such use was intended or if such effect would have been obvious in the circumstances;
- d any order imposing other sanctions appropriate under the circumstances which are provided by ^{F27}... law.

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Textual Amendments

- F24** Word in Art. 89(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 39(a)(i)(aa)** (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)
- F25** Words in Art. 89(1) 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. 39(a)(i)(bb)** (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)
- F26** Word in Art. 89(1)(a) 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. 39(a)(ii)** (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)
- F27** Words in Art. 89(1)(d) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 39(a)(iii)** (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)
- F28** Art. 89(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 39(b)** (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)

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Article 90

Provisional measures, including protective measures

1 Application may be made to the courts ^{F29}..., including ^{F30}... design courts, for such provisional measures, including protective measures, in respect of a [^{F31}supplementary unregistered] design as may be available ^{F32}....

2 In proceedings relating to provisional measures, including protective measures, a plea otherwise than by way of counterclaim relating to the invalidity of a [^{F33}supplementary unregistered] design submitted by the defendant shall be admissible. Article 85(2) shall, however, apply *mutatis mutandis*.

3 A ^{F34}... design court ^{F35}... shall have jurisdiction to grant provisional measures, including protective measures ^{F36}....

Textual Amendments

- F29** Words in Art. 90(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(a)(i)** (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)
- F30** Word in Art. 90(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(a)(ii)** (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)
- F31** Words in Art. 90(1) 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. 40(a)(iii)** (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)
- F32** Words in Art. 90(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(a)(iv)** (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)
- F33** Words in Art. 90(2) 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. 40(b)** (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)
- F34** Word in Art. 90(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(c)(i)** (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)
- F35** Words in Art. 90(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(c)(ii)** (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)
- F36** Words in Art. 90(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Designs and International Trade Marks (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/638), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 40(c)(iii)** (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)

^{F37}Article 91

Specific rules on related actions

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^{F38} Article 92

Jurisdiction of Community design courts of second instance — further appeal

Textual Amendments

F38 Art. 92 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Designs and International Trade Marks \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/638\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 41** (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)

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F1 Words in Title 9 Section 2 heading 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. 31** (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)

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