



# Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 48

An Act to restate the law of copyright, with amendments; to make fresh provision as to the rights of performers and others in performances; to confer a design right in original designs; to amend the Registered Designs Act 1949; to make provision with respect to patent agents and trade mark agents; to confer patents and designs jurisdiction on certain county courts; to amend the law of patents; to make provision with respect to devices designed to circumvent copy-protection of works in electronic form; to make fresh provision penalising the fraudulent reception of transmissions; to make the fraudulent application or use of a trade mark an offence; to make provision for the benefit of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London; to enable financial assistance to be given to certain international bodies; and for connected purposes. [15th November 1988]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act amended by [Broadcasting Act 1990 \(c. 42, SIF 96\)](#), s. 176, [Sch. 17 para. 7\(1\)](#)
- C2 Act: power to amend conferred (24.5.2024 for specified purposes) by [Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 \(c. 13\)](#), s. [138\(2\)-\(7\)](#), [339\(2\)\(c\)](#)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 24/05/2024.

**Changes to legislation:**

Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 03 August 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.