



# Copyright Act 1911

## 1911 CHAPTER 46

### PART I

#### IMPERIAL COPYRIGHT

##### *Special Provisions as to certain Works*

#### **16 Works of joint authors**

- (1) In the case of a work of joint authorship, copyright shall subsist during the life of the author who first dies and for a term of fifty years after his death, or during the life of the author who dies last, whichever period is the longer, and references in this Act to the period after the expiration of any specified number of years from the death of the author shall be construed as references to the period after the expiration of the like number of years from the death of the author who dies first or after the death of the author who dies last, whichever period may be the shorter, and in the provisions of this Act with respect to the grant of compulsory licences a reference to the date of the death of the author who dies last shall be substituted for the reference to the date of the death of the author.
- (2) Where, in the case of a work of joint authorship, some one or more of the joint authors do not satisfy the conditions conferring copyright laid down by this Act, the work shall be treated for the purposes of this Act as if the other author or authors had been the sole author or authors thereof :  
  
Provided that the term of the copyright shall be the same as it would have been if all the authors had satisfied such conditions as aforesaid.
- (3) For the purposes of this Act, " a work of joint authorship " means a work produced by the collaboration of two or more authors in which the contribution of one author is not distinct from the contribution of the other author or authors.
- (4) Where a married woman and her husband are joint authors of a work the interest of such married woman therein shall be her separate property.