

Copyright & the Internet: Myth and Reality

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Only one thing is impossible for God:
to find any sense in any copyright law
on the planet

Mark Twain
Notebook 23 May 1903

Take away from English authors their
copyrights, and you would very soon
take away from England her authors

Anthony Trollope 1883
Autobiography, ch. 12

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UK Copyright Legislation

Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48)

The Act is amended by the Broadcasting Acts of 1990 and 1996, the Copyright etc and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Act 2002 and by a number of statutory instruments

HMSO does not make available an annotated copy of the CDPA 1988. However, there is a copy of the Act incorporating amendments to 2002 available at <http://www.jenkins-ip.com/patlaw/indextop.htm>.

Butterworths Intellectual Property Law Handbook⁹ contains the key legislation with annotated notes.

Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Act 2002

Copyright, etc and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Act 2002 (Commencement) Order 2002 SI 2002/2749

Guidance note on the Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Act 2002 [PDF]

The Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Act 2002

The Copyright (Librarians and Archivists) (Copying of Copyright Material) Regulations 1989 SI: 1989/1212

The Copyright (Computer Programs) Regulations 1992 SI: 1992/3233

The Duration of Copyright and Rights in Performances Regulations 1995 SI: 1995/3297

The Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 1996 SI: 1996/2967

The Copyright and Rights in Database Regulations 1997 SI: 1997/3032

The Copyright (Application to Other Countries) Order 1999: SI 1999/1751

The Copyright (Application to Other Countries) (Amendment) Order 2003: SI 2003/774

⁹Butterworths
Intellectual Property
Law Handbook 6th ed.
Butterworths, 2003.
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