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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

UNITED KINGDOM: THE DIGITAL ECONOMY ACT 2010

Notifying Member	UNITED KINGDOM
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	The Digital Economy Act 2010
Subject matter	Copyright and related rights; Enforcement
Nature of notification	<input type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2021/IP/GBR/21_1486_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/GBR/128 , IP/N/1/GBR/C/38 ; IP/N/1/GBR/C/1
Brief description of the notified legal text	
<p>The Act introduces provisions imposing obligations on internet service providers aimed at reducing online infringement of copyright. It also amends the law on copyright and performers' property rights by increasing penalties for some forms of copyright infringement and performers' property rights infringement.</p> <p>Section 43 amends the Public Lending Right Act 1979 and the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 to allow inclusion of non-print formats (audio-books and e-books) in the public lending right payment regime.</p> <p>Amended the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 in relation to penalties relating to infringing articles or illicit recordings.</p> <p>Amended the Communications Act 2003 in relation to online infringement of copyright and obligations of internet service providers.</p>	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	8 April 2010
Other date	

Notification details

Submission date of notification	9 February 2021
Other information	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/24/schedule/2 Amended the Communications Act 2003 in relation to online infringement of copyright and obligations of internet service providers.
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