



Appendix E - Section 100 of the *Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988* (UK)

100 Right to seize infringing copies and other articles

- (1) An infringing copy of work which is found exposed or otherwise immediately available for sale or hire, and in respect of which the copyright owner would be entitled to apply for an order under section 99, may be seized and detained by him or a person authorised by him. The right to seize and detain is exercisable subject to the following conditions and is subject to any decision of the court under section 114.
- (2) Before anything is seized under this section notice of the time and place of the proposed seizure must be given to a local police station.
- (3) A person may for the purpose of exercising the right conferred by this section enter premises to which the public have access but may not seize anything in the possession, custody or control of a person at a permanent or regular place of business of his, and may not use any force.
- (4) At the time when anything is seized under this section there shall be left at the place where it is seized a notice in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars as to the person by whom or on whose authority the seizure is made and the grounds on which it is made.
- (5) In this section –
“premises” includes land, buildings, moveable structures, vehicles, vessels, aircraft and hovercraft; and
“prescribed” means prescribed by order of the Secretary of State.
- (6) An order of the Secretary of State under this section shall be made statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

