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Strategies for Dealing with the EC Database Directive

Edward J Nodder

The EC Directive on Databases has been adopted. The author makes some recommendations about the way in which clients can best protect themselves for the implementation. He discusses the differing considerations for database owners and for database users.

EC Policy of Intellectual Property and Standardisation

David Barrett

The Commission for the EC has issued a communication on Intellectual Property Rights and Standardisation. Though the communication is not explicitly confined to computer and communication industries, it does have certain special effects on these industries. This article discusses the communication and its special impact on these industries.

Computer Software Agreements and the Implementation of the EC Directive

Susan Singleton

The UK has been obliged to implement certain changes to its intellectual property regime as a result of its membership of the EC. This article discusses the changes in computer software agreements necessary as a result of the recent implementation of the EC Directive on the protection of computer programs.

The Copyright (Computer Programs) Regulations 1992

The full text of the regulations necessary as a result of the UK's adoption of the EC Directive on the protection of computer programs.

UK Export Controls on Computer Products

Alistair Maughan

This article examines the controls which govern the export of certain computer equipment, as a result largely of the strict regulation of exports to the Soviet Union, the East-

ern Bloc and the People's Republic of China. The author discusses the way in which these controls are changing.

Display Screen Equipment Regulations

Susan Singleton

A description of the new UK regulations which seek to protect workers from injuries from VDUs and the like.

The Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations

The full text of the regulations described above.

John Richardson Computers Limited v Flanders and another: A Commentary

Diane M Horan

A case commentary of *John Richardson Computers Limited v Flanders and another*. The case is one of some importance since it represents one of the first times that a UK court has been faced with non-literal copyright questions. The case is, in a sense, a UK 'look and feel' case.

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Copyright in Architectural Works

Louis Altman

The author, of the firm Laff, Whitesel, Conte & Saret in Chicago, discusses virtually every conceivable aspect of copyright in

architectural works, in the US. The paper covers aspects from acquisition and divestiture of copyright interests, through the effect of the US acceptance of the Berne Convention, to infringement.

Current Literature in Intellectual Property

Judith Gire

A brief bibliography of very recent works of relevance to intellectual property. A very useful guide to current material.

Law/technology, 4th Quarter, 1992

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World Jurist Association, Section on Law/Technology
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Why Courts Should Treat Even Customized Software as a Product for Purposes of Products Liability

Ann M. Schmal

The author advances the thesis that liability for damage caused by software should fall within the usual products liability regime. The author concludes that treating software as a product will not expose programmers to huge liabilities where they should not be.

Legal Software that Pays for Itself

David Kalmick

The author, president of CompuLaw, Ltd in America, discusses the benefits of automatic 'docket control systems'. These systems automatically schedule deadlines for lawyers so as to avoid that horrible sinking feeling when you realize that you just missed that all-important court appearance.

Maximising the Effectiveness of Docketing Software

Yolanda Roberts

The author, a systems administrator in a law firm in Atlanta, shares her experience with one of these docket control systems, CompuLaw's Advanced/Network Docket.

The Computer Law and Security Report, May/June 1993, Volume 9 Iss. 3

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Software Copyright: Current Legal Problems

Peter Stone & Peter Groves

The authors consider how recent US decisions on software copyright are influencing the balance between protection for software developers as

against the interest of the market for increased competition in software products.

UK Case Commentary

Gillian Bull

A detailed analysis of the recent UK decision on a software copyright and

non-literal copying—*John Richardson Computers v Flanders & Chemtec* (1993).

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EC Software Directive: UK Implementation

David Bainbridge & Simon Charlton

The authors comment on the impact of new UK regulations implementing the EC Software Directive.

Software pricing Policy and the Law

Gordon Hughes

The Gordon Hughes with a summary of the findings of the Australian Prices Surveillance Authority on the cost of imported software in Australia.

Intellectual Property

Kasper Mikkelson Klein

An analysis of the US Office of Technology Assessment report on Intellectual Property and the challenge of technological change. He asks whether a European OTA would have something to contribute.

Database Law: Solutions Beyond Copyright

Gary Lea

Part II on the legal regulation of databases. The author looks at the legal response to gaps left by copyright.

Revised EC Data Protection Directive

Statement of the International Chamber of Commerce in the revised proposals for an EC Data Protection Directive.

Technology Standards

Karen Garside

Discussion of the work of the Brussels based Standards Promotion and Application Group in seeking to unify the EC's fragmented IT market

Risk Management

Ian Beale

Consideration of the risk management implications within large corporations of re-organisations of their data processing activities.

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