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TO AMEND THE LAW OF COPYRIGHT.

[25th April, 1919.]

1949
Cap. 199.

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Copyright Law.

Application
of the
Copyright
Act, 1911.

2. For the purpose of the application of section 14 of the (Imperial) Copyright Act, 1911, to the importation into Cyprus of works made out of Cyprus—

- (a) the Comptroller shall perform the duties and may exercise the powers thereby imposed on or given to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise of the United Kingdom;
- (b) regulations made by the Comptroller under that section shall require the approval of the Governor in Council;
- (c) regulations made under that section may provide that notices given to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise of the United Kingdom, if communicated by them to the Comptroller shall be deemed to have been given by the owner of the copyright to the Comptroller. Such regulations shall provide that the said notices shall be published in the Gazette or otherwise the said notices shall have no effect in Cyprus;
- (d) that section shall have effect as if it formed part of the Customs Management Law.

Cap. 315.

Penalties for
dealing with
infringing
copies, etc.

3. (1) If any person knowingly—

- (a) makes for sale or hire any infringing copy of a work in which copyright subsists; or

- (b) sells or lets for hire, or by way of trade exposes or offers for sale or hire any infringing copy of any such work; or
- (c) distributes infringing copies of any such work either for the purposes of trade or to such an extent as to affect prejudicially the owner of the copy-right; or
- (d) by way of trade exhibits in public any infringing copy of any such work; or
- (e) imports for sale or hire into Cyprus any infringing copy of any such work,

he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty mils for every copy dealt with in contravention of this section, but not exceeding fifty pounds in respect of the same transaction; or, in the case of a second or subsequent offence, either to such fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months.

(2) If any person knowingly makes or has in his possession any plate for the purpose of making infringing copies of any work in which copyright subsists, or knowingly and for his private profit causes any such work to be performed in public without the consent of the owner of the copyright, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds, or, in the case of a second or subsequent offence, either to such fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months.

(3) The Court before which any such proceedings are taken may, whether the alleged offender is convicted or not, order that all copies of the work or all plates in the possession of the alleged offender, which appear to it to be infringing copies or plates for the purpose of making infringing copies, be destroyed or delivered up to the owner of the copyright or otherwise dealt with as the Court may think fit.

4. The Copyright Act, 1911 (1 and 2 Geo. V., Chap. 46) shall be read as modified or added to by this Law.

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Act, 1911,
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added to.