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Subject: RE: Update on s52 - judicial review
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Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached a holding line and a bit of background on the s52 JR.

Shout if you have any questions.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2015 10:22
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Update on s52 - judicial review

Hi [REDACTED],

Just to let you know that the JR on s52 (designer furniture) has been formally lodged and is in the public domain.

Obviously we can't say anything, but lines and background will be winging their way to you shortly to go into the system.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Stakeholder and Communications Manager | Copyright and Enforcement Directorate |
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Lines for press office – JR on s52

Judicial review relating to the repeal of section 52/transitional arrangements

- I can confirm that a claim for Judicial Review has been lodged with the Court.
- The Government does not comment on ongoing legal proceedings, including claims for Judicial Review.

Background

- Section 52 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act relates to works of ‘artistic craftsmanship’ which could include furniture, homewares (such as lighting or ceramics), jewellery and wallpaper.
- The normal term of copyright is life of the creator plus 70 years. For items which have been industrially manufactured (more than 50 items made), this is reduced by the section to 25 years since the date of creation.
- The section needed to be repealed to bring the copyright term in line with other copyright works.
- The Government repealed section 52 with a five year transitional period in March 2015, following a consultation with stakeholders.
- This decision on the length of the transitional period was to allow businesses to adjust and based on economic evidence and gathered during the consultation process and legal advice at the time.
- Vitra lodged a JR in May 2015.