

Section 52 consultation
Copyright Directorate
Intellectual Property Office
4 Abbey Orchard Street
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23rd December 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Transitional arrangements for the repeal of section 52 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

We write on behalf of I.B.Tauris and Co. Ltd (incorporating Philip Wilson Publishers) in reference to the Government's intentions to fast-track a modification of the current copyright laws to encompass the 2-D reproduction of 3-D objects.

As other publishers have noted, the proposed shortening of the transition period so that the legislation comes into effect in April 2016, rather than 2020 as previously proposed, will have a very real and detrimental impact on publishers of illustrated books. The revised depletion period (an additional six months up to 28 October 2016) is not nearly long enough for publishers to dispose of books published whilst Section 32 was in force - the original five-year transition period would have allowed a more natural depletion of lawfully produced stock with limited adverse financial impact.

We join our fellow publishers in seeking a longer transition period, as originally proposed, and a longer depletion period for lawfully produced stock.

Yours Faithfully



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