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An Act to provide for the protection of layout-designs of integrated circuits.

[15 February 1999]

## PART 1

## PRELIMINARY

**Short title**

1. This Act is the Layout-Designs of Integrated Circuits Act 1999.

## **Interpretation**

**2.—(1)** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“commercially exploit” includes —

- (a) to sell, let for hire or otherwise distribute by way of trade;
- (b) to offer or expose for sale or hire or other distribution by way of trade; or
- (c) to import for the purpose of sale, letting for hire or other distribution by way of trade,

and “commercially exploited”, “commercially exploiting” and “commercial exploitation” have corresponding meanings;

“Court” means the General Division of the High Court;

“creator”, in the case of a computer aided design of a layout-design, means the person who made the arrangements for the creation of the layout-design;

“exclusive licence” means a licence in writing signed by or on behalf of a qualified owner authorising the licensee, to the exclusion of all other persons, including the person granting the licence, to exercise a right that would otherwise be exercisable exclusively by the qualified owner;

“integrated circuit” means a product, in its final form or an intermediate form, in which the elements, at least one of which is an active element, and some or all of the interconnections are integrally formed in and on, or in or on, a piece of material and which is intended to perform an electronic function;

“layout-design” means the 3-dimensional disposition, however expressed, of the elements of an integrated circuit (at least one of which is an active element), and of some or all of the interconnections of an integrated circuit, or such a 3-dimensional disposition prepared for an integrated circuit intended for manufacture;