## **Definitions** (for guidance only)

In the United Kingdom, as in most other countries, virtually all creative works – whether literary, photographic, illustrative, filmed or computer-generated – are protected by copyright. The period of copyright generally lasts until 70 years after the death of the author or creator of the material. There is no need to register copyright. Copyright ownership may be indicated under international conventions by the C-in-a-circle symbol © followed by the name of the copyright holder and the date of first publication. The copyright owner is entitled to sell licences for a wide variety of uses.

The listing overleaf is comprehensive but by no means exhaustive

**Serial right** a licence to publish in a 'serial' publication - a newspaper, journal or magazine.

First British serial right a licence to publish for the first time in any British serial publication.

**First EU serial right** a licence to publish for the first time in any European Union serial publication.

**First US serial right** a licence to publish for the first time in any United States serial publication.

First World serial right a licence to publish for the first time in any serial publication in the world.

**Second serial right** a licence to publish in a serial publication for the second time in a defined area.

**Syndication right** a licence to re-sell copyright material in a defined area on behalf of the copyright owner. Income

from syndication is conventionally split between the parties, with the author receiving at least 50

per cent of the gross income.

Electronic archive right (as part of original publication) a licence to store material electronically for publisher's reference

and archival purposes only, not including copyright or further publication without the author's

permission.

**Electronic publication** 

right

a licence to publish in electronic form, this can include or comprise publication (eg as part of a commercial database) on floppy disc and/or CD-ROM (either as a 'serial' or one-off), or on the

Internet or an Intranet. Except for Internet and Intranet use, any licence may be restricted to a

defined geographical area.

Internet publication

right

a licence to publish electronically on the Internet or World-Wide Web (WWW); this is always a

world right.

Intranet publication

right

a licence to publish on an electronic computer-linked system analogous to the Internet but

confined to a single company or other defined group.

**Book right** a licence to publish in a (non-serial) book; this may be limited to a defined area, duration and

language.

Full copyright ('All rights')

All media worldwide in perpetuity.

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**Moral rights** the rights of an author or creator to protect his or her reputation. They include the right to be

identified as author, the right not to be falsely identified as author, and the right not to have

material altered in a way derogatory to the reputation of the author.