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Dear David,

Many thanks for your email of 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 regarding the Department of Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation's consultation on the overlap of intellectual property protection between industrial designs and copyright law.

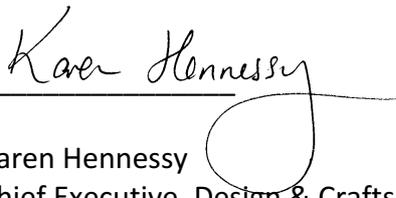
As the national economic development agency for the design and craft sector and the representative body for Irish designers and makers across a broad range of disciplines throughout the island of Ireland, the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland (DCCoI) is delighted to respond to the consultation paper.

Having reviewed the document, I am pleased that the proposed solution for Ireland addresses a number of the key issues facing designers and makers in this country. I also welcome the fact that the proposed solution would bring copyright protection in Ireland into line with the standard copyright term of the lifetime of the creator plus 70 years afforded by the UK and other EU partners. The proposed amendment to legislation would have a positive impact on the sector which DCCoI represents.

Regarding the transition period, I would suggest that the roll out of the new regulations should be carefully considered to avoid a 'fire sale' of replica 'designer' goods, which can be seen currently in the UK.

Should you wish to discuss the above further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



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