

CHAPTER 63.

COPYRIGHT.

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Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Copyright Ordinance.

Dealing with copy of a copyrighted work.

2.—(1) Anyone who knowingly—

- (a) makes for sale or hire any infringing copy of a work in which copyright subsists; or
- (b) sells, or lets for hire, or by way of trade exposes or offers for sale or hire, any infringing copy of that work; or
- (c) distributes infringing copies of that work either for the purposes of trade or to such an extent as to affect prejudicially the owner of the copyright; or
- (d) by way of trade exhibits in public any infringing copy of that work; or
- (e) imports for sale or hire into the colony any infringing copy of that work;

Penalties.

shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance and be liable on summary conviction before a magistrate's court to a fine not exceeding ten dollars for every copy dealt with in contravention of this section, but not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars in respect of the same transaction; or in case of a second or subsequent offence, either to that fine or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding two months.

Penalty.

(2) Anyone who knowingly makes, or has in his possession any plate for the purpose of making infringing copies of any work in which copyright subsists, or knowingly and for his private profit causes that work to be performed in public without the consent of the owner of the copyright, shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance and be liable on summary conviction before a magistrate's court to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, or in the case of a second or subsequent offence either to that fine or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding two months.

(3) The court before which proceedings are taken may, whether the alleged offender is convicted or not, order all copies of the work, or all plates in the possession of the alleged offender, appearing to the court to be infringing copies, or plates for the purpose of making infringing copies, to be destroyed or delivered up to the owner of the copyright or otherwise dealt with as the court thinks fit.

3. Anyone aggrieved by summary conviction of an offence under the foregoing provisions of this Ordinance may appeal to the Supreme Court in the terms, upon the conditions, and generally in accordance with the provisions of the Summary Jurisdiction (Appeal) Ordinance.

Appeal.

Chapter 16.

4. Any notice in writing required to be given under the provisions of sub-section (1) of section fourteen of the Copyright Act, 1911, to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise shall be given to the Comptroller of Customs in British Guiana :

Notice to
Comptroller
of Customs :
1 & 2 Geo. V,
c. 46, s. 14 (1):
Proviso.

Provided, that any notice so given to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise and communicated by them to the Comptroller of Customs shall be deemed to have been given to him.
