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**2002 No.**

**The Contracting Out (Functions in Relation  
to Applications for Patents) Order 2002**

**Contracting out of functions of the comptroller in relation to applications for patents**

**3.** Any function of the comptroller which relates to or is connected with applications for patents and which is listed in Schedule 1 to this Order may be exercised by, or by employees of, such person (if any) as may be authorised in that behalf by the comptroller—

- (a) either wholly or to such extent as may be specified in the authorisation;
- (b) either generally or in such cases or areas as may be so specified; and
- (c) either unconditionally or subject to the fulfilment of such conditions as may be so specified.