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

Contracting out of functions of examiners in relation to patent examinations and searches

4. Any function of an examiner of the Patent Office which relates to or is connected with patent examinations and searches and which is listed in Schedule 2 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.