

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

FUNCTIONS OF EXAMINERS OF THE PATENT OFFICE ENABLED TO BE CONTRACTED OUT

1. Functions conferred by or under any of the following provisions of the Patents Act:
 - (a) section 17(1) (other than subsection (2)) (preliminary examination and search); and
 - (b) section 18(2) (substantive examination).
2. Functions conferred by or under rule 37(3) of the Patents Rules (observations on patentability).

(1) Words in subsection (7) of section 17 were substituted by section 295 of, and paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 5 to, the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48) (“the 1988 Act”). Subsection (8) of section 17 was added by section 295 of, and paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 5 to, the 1988 Act.

(2) Subsection (1A) of section 18 was inserted by section 295 of, and paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to, the 1988 Act.