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## 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).

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

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