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# Patents Act 1977

## 1977 CHAPTER 37

An Act to establish a new law of patents applicable to future patents and applications for patents; to amend the law of patents applicable to existing patents and applications for patents; to give effect to certain international conventions on patents; and for connected purposes. [29th July 1977]

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### Extent Information

**E1** This Act does not extend to the Channel Islands or the Colonies for extent provision see s. 132(2)

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### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** Act extended (with modifications) (2.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3091, reg.5](#)  
Act extended (8.2.1997) by [S.I. 1996/3120, reg. 5](#)  
Act applied (8.2.1997) by [S.I. 1997/64, rule 9](#)  
Act extended (1.3.2002) by [The Patents and Plant Variety Rights \(Compulsory Licensing\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/247\), reg. 26\(1\)](#) (subject to [reg. 26\(2\)\(3\)](#))

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