



# Patents Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 16

### *Supplemental*

#### **17 Commencement etc**

- (1) The preceding provisions of this Act (except those mentioned in subsection (2)) come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint.
- (2) Paragraphs 7 and 23 of Schedule 2 come into force with the commencement of the Regulatory Reform (Patents) Order 2004.
- (3) An order under this section may appoint different days for different purposes.
- (4) An order under this section may make—
  - (a) any supplementary, incidental or consequential provision, or
  - (b) any transitory, transitional or saving provision,that the Secretary of State considers necessary or expedient for the purposes of, in consequence of or for giving full effect to any provision of this Act.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing provision made by virtue of subsection (4) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament, unless the only such provision it contains is transitory, transitional or saving provision.
- (6) The provision that may be made under subsection (4) includes provision amending or repealing any enactment or instrument.
- (7) A statutory instrument containing an order under this section that adds to, replaces or omits any part of the text of an Act is not to be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament; and subsection (5) does not apply to such an instrument.