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1968 No. 1702

## PATENTS

**The Patents (Amendment) Rules 1968**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	25th October 1968
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		31st October 1968
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st November 1968

The Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by section 94 of the Patents Act 1949(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and after consultation with the Council on Tribunals, hereby make the following Rules :—

1. The Patents Rules 1968(b) shall have effect as if after Rule 146(3) there were added the following sub-rule :—

“(4) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed as imposing upon the Comptroller the duty of making available for public inspection any documents filed with or sent to the Office before 1st November 1968.”.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. These Rules may be cited as the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1968 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1968.

*Edmund Dell.*  
Minister of State,  
Board of Trade.

25th October 1968.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Rules.)*

These Rules amend the Patents Rules 1968 by making it clear that Rule 146, which relates to the public inspection of documents, does not require the Comptroller to make available for inspection documents filed before 1st November 1968.

(a) 1949 c. 87.

(b) S.I. 1968/1389 (1968 II, p. 3958).

(c) 1889 c. 63.