STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 498

PATENTS

The Patents (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1980

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 123 and 124(3) of the Patents Act 1977(a) and with the consent of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Rules:—

- 1. These Rules may be cited as the Patents (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1980 and shall come into operation on 18th April 1980.
- 2. In Part B of the Schedule to the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1980(b) for the amount of £25 which appears in the third column of the entry relating to a request for sealing of a patent (Patents Form No. 20) there shall be substituted the amount of £20.
- 3. Rule 3 of the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1980 is hereby revoked and the sum of £5 shall be remitted to every person who, when making a request on or after 27th February 1980 for the sealing of a patent to which that rule applied, has paid the fee therefor at the increased rate of £25 required under that rule.

Reginald Eyre,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Trade.

2nd April 1980.

We consent to the making of these Rules.

John MacGregor, J. A. Douglas-Hamilton, Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

3rd April 1980.

(a) 1977 c. 37.

(b) S.I. 1980/137.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1980 so as to prevent the fee payable under the Patents Rules 1978 on a request for the sealing of a patent under the Patents Act 1949 (1949 c. 87) being increased on 6th May 1980 from £20 to £25. They also revoke rule 3 of the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1980, which required persons who, on or after 27th February 1980, requested the sealing of such a patent in respect of which the complete specification had not been accepted before that date, to pay an increased fee of £25 therefor, and provide for the sum of £5 to be remitted to every such person.