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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 1627**

**PATENTS**

**The Patents (Fees) Rules 1991**

*Made* - - - - *16th July 1991*  
*Laid before Parliament* *18th July 1991*  
*Coming into force* - - *12th August 1991*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 123 (1), (2) and (3) of, and paragraph 14 of Schedule 4 to, the Patents Act 1977(1), of the power conferred upon him by the Department of Trade and Industry (Fees) Order 1988(2), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after consultation with the Council on Tribunals pursuant to section 10(1) of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1971(3) and with the consent of the Treasury pursuant to subsection (4) of the said section 123, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Patents (Fees) Rules 1991 and shall come into force on 12th August 1991.

(2) The Patents (Fees) (No. 2) Rules 1990(4) are hereby revoked.

2. These Rules shall be construed as one with the Patents Rules 1990(5) and, to the extent that they continue to apply in relation to existing patents and existing applications, to the Patents Rules 1968(6).

3. The fees to be paid in respect of any matters arising under the Patents Act 1977 (other than those referred to in rule 4 below) or arising under the Patents Act 1949(7) shall be those specified in Parts A and B of the Schedule to these Rules; and in any case where a form specified in Part A or Part B of the Schedule as the corresponding form in relation to any matter is required by the Patents Rules 1990 or, as the case may be, the Patents Rules 1968 to be used, that form shall be accompanied by the fee, if any, specified in respect of that matter or, where payment may be made within a prescribed period of time after the form has been filed, the fee so specified shall be paid within that period.

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(1) 1977 c. 37.  
(2) S.I. 1988/93, as amended by S.I. 1990/1473, which was made under section 102 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1987 (c. 51). The relevant provisions of that Order are article 7 and Part IV of Schedule 1.  
(3) 1971 c. 62.  
(4) S.I. 1990/2517.  
(5) S.I. 1990/2384.  
(6) S.I. 1968/1389, which was revoked by, except as provided for by rule 124 of, S.I. 1978/216, which was itself revoked, except for rule 124 and Schedule 4(savings), by S.I. 1982/717. The latter instrument was revoked by rule 123 of S.I. 1990/2384, which also amends rule 124 of S.I. 1978/216.  
(7) 1949 c. 87.

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4. The fees to be paid in respect of the matters arising under the Patents Act 1977 and referred to in Part C of the Schedule to these Rules shall be—

- (a) for the period ending with 8th September 1991, those specified in the second column of Part C; and
- (b) on and after 9th September 1991, those specified in the third column of that Part.

15th July 1991

*Reay*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department of Trade and Industry

We consent to the making of these rules.

16th July 1991

*Irvine Patnick*  
*Nicholas Baker*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her  
Majesty's Treasury

SCHEDULE

Rules 3 and 4

FEES PAYABLE

PART A

(In this Part of this Schedule, any reference to a section is a reference to that section of the Patents Act 1977 and any reference to a rule is a reference to that rule of the Patents Rules 1990.)

Number of corresponding Patents Form	Item	Amount
		£
1/77	On request for the grant of a patent (the filing fee) ... ..	15
2/77	On reference under section 8(1), 12 or 37(1) ... ..	—
3/77	On application under section 8(5) or 37(3) for authorisation by comptroller	—
4/77	On request for directions under section 10 or 12(4) ... ..	—
5/77	On reference under section 11(5) or 38(5) to determine the question of a licence ... ..	—
6/77	On application to comptroller under section 13(1) and/or 13(3) ... ..	—
7/77	Statement of inventorship and of right to the grant of a patent	—
8/77	On request for certificate authorising release of sample of micro-organism ... ..	—
8A/77	On notice of intention to restrict availability of samples of micro-organism to expert	—
8B/77	On request for certificate authorising release of sample of micro-organism to expert	—
9/77	On request for preliminary examination and search, request for further search under section 17(6) or payment for a supplementary search under section 17(8) ... ..	120

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Number of corresponding Patents Form	Item	Amount
10/77	On request for substantive examination ... ..	130
11/77	On request to amend application before grant ... ..	29
12/77	*On payment of renewal fee (and additional fee for late payment)–	
	Before the expiration of the 4th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 5th year	102
	Before the expiration of the 5th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 6th year	108
	Before the expiration of the 6th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 7th year	118
	Before the expiration of the 7th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 8th year	130
	Before the expiration of the 8th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 9th year	140
	Before the expiration of the 9th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 10th year	154
	Before the expiration of the 10th year from the date of	170

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	filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 11th year ... ..	
	Before the expiration of the 11th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 12th year ... ..	186
	Before the expiration of the 12th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 13th year ... ..	208
	Before the expiration of the 13th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 14th year ... ..	230
	Before the expiration of the 14th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 15th year ... ..	256
	Before the expiration of the 15th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 16th year ... ..	282
	Before the expiration of the 16th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the	308
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	patent and in respect of the 17th year ... ..	
	Before the expiration of the 17th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 18th year ... ..	332
	Before the expiration of the 18th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 19th year ... ..	368
	Before the expiration of the 19th year from the date of filing of the application for the patent or, in the case of an existing patent, the date of the patent and in respect of the 20th year ... ..	406
	Additional fee for late payment of a renewal fee under section 25(4)–	
	Not exceeding one month ... ..	22
	Each succeeding month (but not exceeding six months) ... ..	22
14/77	On application to amend specification after grant of a patent ... ..	60
15/77	On notice of opposition to amendment of specification after grant ... ..	—
16/77	On application for the restoration of a patent ... ..	123
17/77	Additional fee on the application for restoration of a patent ... ..	123
18/77	On offer to surrender a patent	—
19/77	On notice of opposition to offer to surrender a patent ... ..	—

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20/77	On request for alteration of a name, for each patent or application ... ..	—
21/77	On application to register or to give notice of a transaction, instrument or event affecting the rights in a patent or application for a patent or in further patents or applications for patents where the devolution of title is the same as in the first patent or application for a patent ... ..	50
22/77	On request for the correction of an error in the register or in any connected document ... ..	—
23/77	On request for miscellaneous information ... ..	—
24/77	On request for certificate of the comptroller – (a) (a) rubber stamp impression ... .. (b) (b) Signed and sealed certificate	15 20
25/77	On application for entry of order or direction of court in the register ... ..	—
26/77	On application for compensation by employee	—
27/77	On application under section 41(8) ... ..	—
28/77	On application by proprietor for entry to be made in the register to the effect that licences under the patent are to be available as of right.	—
29/77	On application for settlement of terms of licence of right	—
30/77	On application by proprietor under section 47(1) for cancellation of entry in the register ... ..	—

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31/77	On application under section 47(3) by person interested for cancellation of entry in the register ... ..	—
32/77	On notice of opposition to an application under section 47(1) or 47(3) for cancellation of entry in the register ... ..	—
33/77	On application under section 48(1) for a compulsory licence or entry in the register	—
34/77	On application by Crown in case of monopoly or merger	—
35/77	On notice of opposition to application made under section 48 or 51 ... ..	—
36/77	On reference to the comptroller of a dispute as to infringement	—
37/77	On application for declaration of non-infringement ... ..	—
38/77	On application for the revocation of a patent ... ..	—
39/77	On application to register copy of entry made in European Register of Patents ... ..	—
40/77	On payment of filing fee upon conversion of European patent application to an application under the Act ... ..	15
41/77	On request for conversion of European patent application	—
43/77	On request for publication of translation ... ..	11
44/77	On application to the comptroller for an international application to be treated as an application under the Act ... ..	15
45/77	On application for order for evidence to be obtained in the United Kingdom ... ..	—
47/77	On request for correction of error or mistake ... ..	37

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Number of corresponding Patents Form	Item	Amount
48/77	On opposition to request for correction of error or mistake	—
49/77	On request for information relating to a patent or application ... ..	9
50/77	On request for extension of time or period under rule 110(3) ... .. Each	123
51/77	On appointment or change of agent ... ..	—
52/77	On request for extension of time or period under rule 110(4) ... ..	123
53/77	Additional fee for extension of time or period under rule 110(6) ... ..	123
54/77	On filing of translation of European Patent (UK) under section 77(6)(a) ... ..	30
55/77	On filing of translation of an amended European Patent (UK) under section 77(6)(b)	30
56/77	On request for publication of translation of claims of application for European Patent (UK) filed under section 78(7) ... ..	30
57/77	On request for publication of corrected translation of European Patent (UK) or application for European Patent (UK) filed under section 80(3) ... ..	30
58/77	On declaration that licences of right shall not extend to excepted uses	—
—	National fee (section 89A(3))	15

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## PART B

(In this Part of this Schedule—

- (1) any reference to a section is a reference to that section of the Patents Act 1949; and

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(2) any reference to a rule is a reference to that rule of the Patents Rules 1968, as it continues to apply by virtue of rule 124 of the Patents Rules 1978(8.)

Number of corresponding Patents Form	Item	Amount
		£
1 Add	Application for grant of patent of addition in lieu of independent patent ... ..	—
7	For extension of time under rule 30, 33 or 50—	
	Not exceeding one month ... ..	—
	Each succeeding month ... ..	—
8	On application for result of search made under sections 7 and 8 ... ..	—
9	On application under section 9(2) for deletion of reference ... ..	—
13	On notice that hearing before the comptroller will be attended ... ..	—
14	On request under section 16(3)	—
15	On claim under section 16(4)	—
16	On application for extension of the period under section 16(5)	12
17	On application for a certificate under section 16(8) ... ..	—
18	On claim under section 17(1) for application to proceed in name of claimants ... ..	—
19	On application for directions under section 17(5) ... ..	—
20	On request for sealing of a patent ... ..	—
21	On application for extension of the period for requesting the sealing of a patent under section 19(3)—	
	Not exceeding one month ... ..	17
	Each succeeding month ... ..	17

(8) S.I. 1978/216; rule 124 is amended by rule 123 of S.I. 1990/2384.

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Number of corresponding Patents Form	Item	Amount
22	On application for extension of the period for requesting the sealing of a patent under section 19(4)–	
	Not exceeding one month ... ..	17
	Each succeeding month ... ..	17
23	On application under section 20 for amendment of a patent ... ..	—
32	On application under section 28 for sealing of a patent ... ..	31
33	On opposition to application under section 28 ... ..	—
34	Additional fee for sealing under section 28 ... ..	80
35	On application to amend specification after acceptance	52
36	On notice of opposition to amendment ... ..	—
38	On application to amend an application for a patent ... ..	26
39	On application for revocation of a patent under section 33	—
43	On application for settlement of terms of licence under patent endorsed “Licences of Right” ... ..	—
44	On application by patentee for cancellation of endorsement of patent “Licences of Right”	—
46	On notice of opposition to cancellation of endorsement of patent “Licences of Right”	—
53	On application under section 55(1) for directions of comptroller ... ..	—
54	On application under section 55(2) for directions of comptroller ... ..	—

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Number of corresponding Patents Form	Item	Amount
55	On application under section 56(1) to determine dispute ... ..	—
63	On application for entry in the register of claim to a licence under a patent extended under section 23, 24 or 25 ... ..	—
64	On request to comptroller to correct a clerical error ... ..	37
65	On notice of opposition to the correction of a clerical error	—
68	For duplicate of patent ... ..	—
69	On application for entry of order of court in the register	—

PART C

Item	Amount	
	Before 9 September 1991	On or after 9 September 1991
	£	£
As Receiving Office or International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Co-operation Treaty—		
(a) (a) Transmittal fee (rule 118(1) of the Patents Rules 1990)	15	55
(b) (b) Preliminary examination fee (rule 120 of those Rules)	55	130
(c) (c) Additional fee (rule 121 of those Rules) Maximum	55	130

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Rules)*

These Rules revoke and replace the Patents (Fees) (No. 2) Rules 1990 ([S.I. 1990/2517](#)). As the result of the rationalisation of the general fee structure, fees in respect of several matters, particularly, under the Patents Act 1949 (Part B of the Schedule) have been abolished. However, fees in respect of other matters have been increased. The increases take effect from 12 August 1991, except for the fees taken in relation to international applications (rule 4 and Part C of the Schedule) which take effect from 9th September 1991.

It is estimated that the total amount of fees collected per annum at the new levels will be 7½ per cent greater than the amount collected per annum at existing levels.