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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1992 No. 1142**

**The Patents (Amendment) Rules 1992**

**Citation and commencement**

3. For rule 22 there shall be substituted the following—

**“Unity of invention**

**22.**—(1) Without prejudice to the generality of section 14(5)(d), where two or more inventions are claimed (whether in a single claim or in separate claims), and there exists between or among those inventions a technical relationship which involves one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features, then those inventions shall be treated as being so linked as to form a single inventive concept for the purposes of the Act.

(2) In this rule, “special technical features” means those technical features which define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art.”