
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Registered Designs Rules 1995

REPRESENTATIONS AND SPECIMENS

Supply of representations and specimens

17. Except as regards applications for registration of designs to be applied to sets of articles, there shall be furnished in connection with an application four identical representations of the design, in a form satisfactory to the registrar, or four specimens. Where representations are supplied the registrar may at any time before registration require specimens or additional representations.

Representations and specimens for sets of articles

18.—(1) There shall be furnished in connection with an application for the registration of a design to be applied to a set of articles five identical representations of the design in a form satisfactory to the registrar, or five specimens.

(2) The representations shall show the design as applied to each different article included in the set.

Size and presentation of representations

19.—(1) Each representation of the design, whether to be applied to a single article or to a set of articles, shall be upon paper of the size prescribed by rule 5 above and not on cardboard, and shall appear on one side only of the paper. The figure or figures shall be placed in an upright position on the sheet except where the registrar is satisfied that it is impracticable. When more figures than one are shown, these shall where reasonably practicable be on one and the same sheet, and each shall be designated perspective view, front view, side view, plan or otherwise as the case may be.

(2) Each sheet shall bear in the top left hand corner the name of the applicant and in the top right hand corner the number of sheets comprising the representation and the consecutive number of each sheet.

Drawings or tracings

20. When the representations furnished are drawings or tracings they shall be in ink and if on tracing cloth or tracing paper shall be mounted on paper of the size prescribed by rule 5 above.

Replacement of specimens by representations

21. When specimens are furnished and are not, in the registrar's opinion, of a kind which can be conveniently mounted in a flat position by means of an adhesive upon paper or by stitching on linen-backed sheets of paper of the size prescribed by rule 5 above and stored without damage to other documents, representations shall be furnished in place of specimens.

Words, letters or numerals

22. In an application where words, letters or numerals appear in the design, the registrar may require that a disclaimer of any right to their exclusive use shall appear on each representation or specimen.

Repeating surface patterns

23. Each representation or specimen of a design which consists of a repeating surface pattern shall show the complete pattern and a sufficient portion of the repeat in length and width, and shall not be of less size than 180mm by 130mm.

Use of portrait of a member of the Royal Family or armorial bearings, etc.

24. Where a portrait of Her Majesty or of any member of the Royal Family, or a reproduction of the armorial bearings, insignia, orders of chivalry, decorations or flags of any country, city, borough, town, place, society, body corporate, institution or person appears on a design, the registrar, before proceeding to register the design, shall, if he so requires, be furnished with a consent to the registration and use of such portrait or reproduction from such official or other person as appears to the registrar to be entitled to give consent, and in default of such consent he may refuse to register the design.

Use of portrait of living or recently dead person

25. Where the name or portrait of a living person appears on a design, the registrar shall be furnished, if he so requires, with consent from such person before proceeding to register the design and, in the case of a person recently dead, the registrar may call for consent from his personal representative before proceeding with the registration of a design on which the name or portrait of the deceased person appears.