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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Register of Patent Agents Rules 1990 (S.I. [1990/1457](#)) regulate the registration of persons who act as agents for others for the purpose of applying for or obtaining patents and name the person to whom the Secretary of State has delegated the keeping of the register of patent agents (persons entitled to call themselves “registered patent agents”).

Those Rules currently name the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents as keeper of the register by way of a definition in rule 2. That Institute when considering making regulations for the provision of educational qualifications, is obliged by rule 8 of the Rules to consult with the Institute of Trade Mark Agents. That Institute has changed its name to the “Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys”. These amendment rules make the necessary consequential change to rule 8 (rule 2).

The Register of Trade Mark Agents Rules 1990 (S.I.f [1990/1458](#)) regulate the registration of persons who act as agents for others for the purpose of applying for or obtaining the registration of trade marks and name the person to whom the Secretary of State has delegated the keeping of the register of trade mark agents (persons entitled to call themselves “registered trade mark agents”).