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**PART 2**

**APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION**

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7.—(1) Where an application for the registration of a design or designs is made by virtue of section 14 the applicant shall comply with the following provisions.

- (2) The application shall contain a declaration specifying—
- (a) the date of making of each convention application; and
  - (b) the country it was made in or in respect of.

(3) The applicant shall, before the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the date on which the application was filed, file at the Patent Office a copy of the representation of the design that was the subject of each convention application.

- (4) A copy of the representation filed under paragraph (3) shall be—
- (a) duly certified by the authority with which it was filed; or
  - (b) verified to the satisfaction of the registrar.

(5) Paragraph (3) shall not apply where a copy of the convention application is kept at the Patent Office.

(6) Where any document relating to the convention application is in a language other than English or Welsh, the registrar may direct the applicant to provide a translation of the whole or any part of that document.

(7) The translation shall be filed before the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the date of the direction.

- (8) Where the applicant—
- (a) fails to file a copy of the representation of the design which has been certified or verified in accordance with paragraph (4); or
  - (b) fails to comply with a direction given under paragraph (6),

the convention application shall be disregarded for the purposes of section 14(2).

(9) In this rule “convention application” means an application for the protection of a design which has been made in a convention country.