

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules are made under the Registered Designs Act 1949 (c. 88). They regulate the business of the Patent Office in relation to designs. These rules replace the Registered Designs Rules 1995 and other Instruments amending those Rules. They make substantial changes to both the drafting and effect of the Registered Designs Rules 1995.

*Part 1* of these Rules contains introductory provisions.

*Part 2* of these Rules contains provisions relating to applications for registered designs. In particular, it includes the requirements as to form, disclaimers and special provisions for convention applications. It also includes provisions relating to substantive examination of applications and their publication.

*Part 3* of these Rules contains provisions relating to designs after registration. In particular, it includes provisions on publication of a representation of the registered design, extending the duration of the right in a registered design and restoration of a lapsed registration.

*Part 4* of these Rules contains provisions relating to proceedings before the registrar. It includes provisions relating to applying for a declaration of invalidity, evidence rounds and the registrar's decision as well as provisions on the conduct of such proceedings.

*Part 5* of these Rules contains provisions relating to the register and other information. It includes provisions on the certificate of registration, the registration of interests, inspection and information on registered designs. It also includes provisions on altering names and addresses or rectifying the register.

*Part 6* of these Rules contains miscellaneous provisions, including provisions on agents, advisers, correction of irregularities, extension of times or periods, furnishing an address for service, the journal and hours of business.

*Schedule 1* to these Rules contains the Forms the use of which is required by these Rules.

*Schedule 2* to these Rules contains transitional provisions.

*Schedule 3* to these Rules contains revocations.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Registered Designs Rules 2006.