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PART 2

APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS

New applications

Extensions for new applications

21.—(1) Where a new application is filed—

- (a) the period prescribed for the purposes of section 13(2) is—
 - (i) two months beginning with its initiation date, or
 - (ii) if it expires later, the period prescribed by rule 10(3); and
- (b) the relevant period for the purposes of rule 8 is—
 - (i) two months beginning with its initiation date, or
 - (ii) if it expires later, the period specified in rule 8(5),

and the reference in rule 10(3) to the date of filing of the application is a reference to the date of filing of the earlier application.

(2) But where the new application is filed less than six months before the compliance date—

- (a) the period prescribed for the purposes of section 13(2) is the period ending with its initiation date; and
- (b) the relevant period for the purposes of rule 8 is the period ending with its initiation date.

(3) The second requirement in Schedule 1 must be complied with—

- (a) on the initiation date; or
- (b) if it expires later, before the end of the relevant period specified in paragraph 3(3) of that Schedule.