

## THE PATENTS RULES, 2003

(The Version incorporates all the amendments in the Patents Act, 1970 and the Patent Rules, 2003 and is updated till 11-03-2015.)

S.O.493(E).-WHEREAS certain draft rules were published in exercise of the powers conferred by section

159 of the Patents Act, 1970 (39 of 1970) vide notification of the Government of India in Ministry of

Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion) vide Number S.O. 1018(E)

dated the 20th September, 2002, in Part II, Section 3, sub-section (ii) of the Gazette of India,

(Extraordinary) dated 20th September, 2002 for inviting objections and suggestions from persons likely

to be affected thereby before expiry of a period of thirty days from the date on which copies of the

Gazette containing the Notification were made available to the public;

AND WHEREAS the copies of the Gazette containing the said Notification were made available to the

public on 3rd October, 2002.

AND WHEREAS objections and suggestions received from the public on the said draft rules have been

considered by the Central Government;

Now, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 159 of the Patents Act,

1970 (39 of 1970) and in supersession of the Patents Rules, 1972 published in the Gazette of India, vide

S.O. 301(E) dated 20th April, 1972 in Part II, Section 3, sub-section (ii), except as respect things done or

omitted to be done before such supersession, Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

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1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These rules may be called the Patents Rules, 2003.

(2) They shall come into force on the date on which the Patents (Amendment) Act, 2002

comes into force.

2. Definitions. — In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Act" means the Patents Act, 1970 (39 of 1970);

(b) "appropriate office" means the appropriate office of the patent office as specified in rule 4;

(c)"article" includes any substance or material, and any plant, machinery or apparatus, whether

affixed to land or not;

(d)"Form" means a Form specified in the Second Schedule;

(da)" person other than a natural person" shall include a "small entity";

(e) "Schedule" means Schedule to these rules;

(f) "section" means a section of the Act;

(i) in case of an enterprise engaged in the manufacture or production of goods, an

enterprise where the investment in plant and machinery does not exceed the limit specified

for a medium enterprise under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Micro, Small

and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (27 of 2006); and

(ii) in case of an enterprise engaged in providing or rendering of services, an enterprise

where the investment in equipment is not more than the limit specified for medium enterprises

under clause (b) of sub-section ( I ) of Section 7 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Development Act, 2006.

Explanation 1. - For the purpose of this clause, "enterprise" means an industrial

undertaking or a business concern or any other establishment, by whatever name called,

engaged in the manufacture or production of goods, in any manner, pertaining to any

industry specified in the First Schedule to the Industries (Development and Regulation)

Act, 1951 (65 of 1951) or engaged in providing or rendering of any service or services in such an

industry.

Explanation 2. - In calculating the investment in plant and machinery, the cost of

pollution control, research and development, industrial safety devices and such other things as

may be specified by notification under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development

Act, 2006 (27 of 2006); shall be excluded.

Explanation 3.-The reference rates of foreign currency of the Reserve Bank of India shall prevail.

(g) Words and expressions used, but not defined in these rules, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

## CHAPTER I

### PRELIMINARY

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3. Prescribed particulars.—Save as otherwise provided in these rules, the particulars

contained in a Form are hereby prescribed as the particulars, if any, required under the

relevant provision or provisions of the Act.

4. Appropriate office.—(1) The appropriate office of the patent office shall—

(a) the applicant or first mentioned applicant in case of joint applicants for a

patent, normally resides or has his domicile or has a place of business or the

place from where the invention actually originated; or

(b) the applicant for a patent or party in a proceeding if he has no place of

business or domicile in India, the address for service in India given by such

applicant or party is situated; and

(ii) [Omitted by Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2006]

(2) The appropriate office once decided in respect of any proceedings under the Act shall

not ordinarily be changed.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (2), the Controller may transfer an

application for patent so filed, to head office or, as the case may be, branch office of the Patent

Office.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), further application referred to in

section 16 of the Act, shall be filed at the appropriate office of the first mentioned application

only.

(5) All further applications referred to section 16 of the Act filed in an office other than the

appropriate office of the first mentioned application, before the commencement of the Patents

(Amendment) Rules, 2013, shall be transferred to the appropriate office of the first mentioned

application.

5. Address for service.—Every person, concerned in any proceedings to which the Act or these

rules relate and every patentee, shall furnish to the Controller an address for service in

India and that address may be treated for all purposes connected with Such proceedings or

patent as the address of the person concerned in the proceedings or of the patentee. Unless

such an address is given, the Controller shall be under no obligation either to proceed or deal

with any proceeding, or patent or to send any notice that may be required to be given under

the Act or these rules and the Controller may take suo motu decision in the matter.

6. Leaving and serving documents.—(1) Any application, notice or other document authorised

or required to be filed, left, made or given at the patent office, or to the Controller or to any

other person under the Act or these rules, may be tendered by hand or sent by a letter

addressed to the Controller at the appropriate office or to that person through post or

registered post or speed post or courier service or by electronic transmission duly

authenticated. If it is sent by post or registered post or speed post or courier service or by

electronic transmission duly authenticated, it shall be deemed to have been filed, left,

made or given at the time when the mail containing the same would have been delivered

(i) for all the proceedings under the Act, be the head office of the patent office or the

branch office, as the case may be, within whose territorial limits—

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in the ordinary course of post or registered post or speed post or courier service, or by

electronic transmission duly authenticated, as the case may be. In proving such sending, it

shall be sufficient to show that the mail was properly addressed and transmitted:

(2)Any written communication addressed to a patentee at his address as it appears on the

register of patents or at his address for service given under rule 5, or to any applicant or

opponent in any proceedings under the Act or these rules, at the address appearing on the

application or notice of opposition, or given for service, shall be deemed to be properly

addressed.

(3)All notices and all written communications addressed to a patentee, or to any applicant or

opponent in any proceedings under the Act or these rules, and all documents forwarded to the

patentee or to the said applicant or opponent, shall, except when they are sent by special

messenger, be sent by registered post or speed post or courier service or by electronic

transmission duly authenticated.

(4) The date of a notice or a written communication addressed to a patentee or to any applicant

or opponent in any proceedings under the Act and these rules shall be the date of dispatch

of the said notice or written communication, by registered post or speed post or courier or

fax or electronic transmission duly authenticated, as the case may be, unless otherwise

specified under the Act or these rules.

(5) In case of delay in receipt of a document or a communication sent by the patent office to a

party to any proceedings under the Act or these rules, the delay in transmitting or

resubmitting a document to the patent office or doing any act by the party may be condoned

by the Controller if a petition for such condonation of delay is made by the party to the

Controller immediately after the receipt of the document or a communication along with a

statement regarding the circumstances of the fact and evidence in support of the statement:

Provided that the delay condoned by the Controller shall not exceed the period between the

date on which the party was supposed to have received the document or communication by

ordinary course of mail or electronic transmission and the actual date of receipt of the

same.

7.Fees.—(1)The fees payable under section 142 in respect of the grant of patents and

applications therefor, and in respect of other matters for which fees are required to be

payable under the Act shall be as specified in the First Schedule.

Provided that ten per cent additional fee shall be payable when the applications

for patent and other documents are filed through physical mode, namely, in hard copy format:

Provided further that in the case of a small entity, every document, for which a fee has

been specified, shall be accompanied by Form-28.

(2)(a)The fees, payable under the Act may either be paid in cash or through electronic means

or may be sent by bank draft or cheque payable to the Controller of Patents and drawn on a

scheduled bank at the place where the appropriate office is situated.

If the draft or cheque is

sent by post, the fees shall be deemed to have been paid on the date on which the draft or

cheque would have reached the Controller in the ordinary course of mail.

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(b) Cheques or drafts not including the correct amount of commission and cheques on

which the full value specified therein cannot be collected in cash shall be accepted only

at the discretion of the Controller.

(c) Where a fee is payable in respect of a document, the entire fee shall accompany

the document.

(3) In case an application processed by a natural person is fully or partly transferred to a person

other than a natural person, the difference, if any, in the scale of fee(s) between the

fee(s) charged from a natural person and the fee(s) chargeable from the person other than

the natural person in the same matter shall be paid by the new applicant with the request for

transfer.

(ii) Subject to the approval of the Controller, any person may discontinue the

deposit of money in advance and in such case the balance, if any, shall be refunded.

8. Forms.—(1) The Forms set forth in the Second Schedule with such variations as the

circumstances of each case may require shall be used for the purposes mentioned therein.

(2) Where no Form is so specified for any purpose, the applicant may adopt any Form specified

in the Second Schedule with such modifications and variations as may be required.

9. Filing of documents and copies, etc.-(1)All documents and copies of the documents, except

affidavits and drawings, filed with patent office, shall -

(a) be typewritten or printed in Hindi or English (unless otherwise directed or

allowed by the Controller) in large and legible characters not less than 0.28

centimetre high with deep indelible ink with lines widely spaced not less than one

and half spaced only upon one side of the paper;

(b)be on such paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable

of size A4 of approximately 29.7 centimetre by 21 centimetre with a margin of at least

4 centimetre on the top and left hand part and 3 centimetre on the bottom and right

hand part thereof;

(3A) In case an application processed by a small entity is fully or partly transferred to a

person other than a natural person (except a small entity), the difference, if any, in the scale of

fee(s) between the fee(s) charged from a small entity and the fee(s) chargeable from the person

other than a natural person (except a small entity) in the same matter shall be paid by the new

applicant with the request for transfer.;

(4) Fees once paid in respect of any proceeding shall not ordinarily be refunded irrespective of

whether the proceeding has taken place or not.

(5)(i) Subject to the approval of the Controller, any person may deposit money in advance

and request the Controller to realise any fee payable by him from the said deposit and in such

case the date of the receipt of the request to realise the fee or the date on which the

request to realise the fee is deemed to have been received, whichever is earlier, shall be

taken as the date of payment of the fee:

Provided that the requisite amount of money is available at the credit of the person making

such request.

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(c) be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals in the centre of the bottom of the

sheet; and

(d) contain the numbering to every fifth line of each page of the description and each

page of the claims at right half of the left margin.

(2) Any signature which is not legible or which is written in a script other than English or

Hindi shall be accompanied by a transcription of the name either in Hindi or English in capital

letters.

(3) In case, the application for patent discloses sequence listing of nucleotides or amino acid

sequences, the sequence listing of nucleotides or amino acid sequences shall be filed in

computer readable text format along with the application, and no print form of the

sequence listing of nucleotides or amino acid sequences is required to be given.

(4) Additional copies of all documents shall be filed at the appropriate office as may be

required by the Controller.

(5) Names and addresses of applicant and other persons shall be given in full together with

their nationality and such other particulars, if any, as are necessary for their identification.

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10. Period within which proof of the right under section 7(2) to make the application shall be

furnished.— Where, in an application for a patent made by virtue of an assignment of the right

to apply for the patent for the invention, if the proof of the right to make the application is not

furnished with the application, the applicant shall within a period of six months after the filing

of such application furnish such proof.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this rule, the six months period in case of an application

corresponding to an international application in which India is designated shall be reckoned

from the actual date on which the corresponding application is filed in India.

11. Order of recording applications.—The applications filed in a year shall constitute a series

identified by the year of such filing. In case of an application filed corresponding to an

international application in which India is designated, such application shall constitute a series

distinct from the rest of the applications identified by the year of filing of corresponding

applications in India.

12. Statement and undertaking regarding foreign applications.—(1) The statement and

undertaking required to be filed by an applicant for a patent under sub-section (1) of section 8

shall be made in Form 3.

(2) The time within which the applicant for a patent shall keep the Controller informed of the

details in respect of other applications filed in any country in the undertaking to be given by

him under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 8 shall be six months from the date of such

filing.

(3) When so required by the Controller under sub-section (2) of section 8, the applicant shall

furnish information relating to objections, if any, in respect of novelty and patentability of the

invention and any other particulars as the Controller may require which may include claims of

application allowed within six months from the date of such communication by the

Controller.

13. Specifications.—(1) Every specification, whether provisional or complete, shall be made in

Form 2.

## CHAPTER II

### APPLICATION FOR PATENTS

(1A) The period within which the applicant shall file the statement and undertaking

under sub-section (1) of section 8 shall be six months from the date of filing the

application.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this rule, the period of six months in case of an

application corresponding to an international application in which India is designated

shall be reckoned from the actual date on which the corresponding application is filed in

India.

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(2) A specification in respect of a divisional application under section 16 shall contain specific

reference to the number of the original application from which the divisional application is

made.

(3) A specification in respect of a patent of addition under section 54 shall contain a specific

reference to the number of the main patent, or the application for the main patent, as the

case may be, and a definite statement that the invention comprises an improvement in, or a

modification of, the invention claimed in the specification of the main patent granted or

applied for.

(4) Where the invention requires explanation through drawings, such drawings shall be

prepared in accordance with the provisions of rule 15 and shall be supplied with, and referred

to in detail, in the specification:

Provided that in the case of a complete specification, if the applicant desires to adopt the

drawings filed with his provisional specification as the drawings or part of the drawings for the

complete specification, it shall be sufficient to refer to them in the complete specification as

those left with the provisional specification.

(5) Irrelevant or other matter, not necessary, in the opinion of the Controller, for elucidation of

the invention, shall be excluded from the title, description, claims and drawings.

(6) Except in the case of an application (other than a convention application or an application

filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty designating India) which is accompanied by a

complete specification, a declaration as to the inventorship of the invention shall be filed in

Form 5 with the complete specification or at any time before the expiration of one month

from the date of filing of the complete specification, as the Controller may allow on an

application made in Form 4.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this rule, the date of filing of the complete specification with

respect to an application corresponding to an international application in which India is

designated shall be reckoned from the actual date on which the corresponding application is

filed in India.

(7) (a) The abstract as specified under clause (d) of sub-section (4) of section 10, accompanying

the specification shall commence with the title of the invention. The title of the invention shall

disclose the specific features of the invention normally in not more than fifteen words.

(b) The abstract shall contain a concise summary of the matter contained in the

specification. The summary shall indicate clearly the technical field to which the

invention belongs, technical problem to which the invention relates and the solution

to the problem through the invention and principal use or uses of the invention.

Where necessary, the abstract shall contain the chemical formula, which

characterises the invention.

(c) The abstract may not contain more than one hundred and fifty words.

(d) If the specification contains any drawing, the applicant shall indicate on the

abstract the figure, or exceptionally, the figures of the drawings which may accompany

the abstract when published. Each main feature mentioned in the abstract and

illustrated by a drawing shall be followed by the reference sign used in that drawing.

(e) The abstract shall be so drafted that it constitutes an efficient instrument for the

purposes of searching in the particular technical field, in particular by making it possible

to assess whether there is a need to consult the specification itself.

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(i) in the left hand top corner, the name of the applicant;

(ii) in the right hand top corner, the number of the sheets of drawings, and the consecutive

number of each sheet; and

(iii) in the right hand bottom corner, the signature of the applicant or his agent.

(7) No descriptive matter shall appear on the drawings except in the flow diagrams.

16. Models.—(1) Models or samples shall be furnished under section 10 only when required

by the Controller.

(8) The period within which reference to the deposit shall be made in the specification under

sub-clause (A) of clause (ii) of sub-section (4) of section 10 shall be three months from the date

of filing of the application.

14 Amendments to specifications.—(1) When a provisional or complete specification or any

drawing accompanying it has been received by the applicant or his agent for amendment, and

amendment is duly made thereon, the page incorporating such amendment shall be retyped

and submitted to form a continuous document. Amendments shall not be made by slips pasted

on, or as footnotes or by writing in the margin of any of the said documents.

(2) The amended documents shall be returned to the Controller together with the superseded

pages or drawings, if any, duly marked, cancelled and initiated by the applicant or his

agent. Copies of any pages that have been retyped or added and of any drawing that has been

added or substantially amended shall be sent in duplicate.

15. Drawings.—(1) Drawings, when furnished under section 10 by the applicants otherwise than

on requisition made by the Controller, shall accompany the specifications to which they relate.

(2) No drawings or sketch, which would require a special illustration of the specification, shall

appear in the specification itself.

(3) At least one copy of the drawing shall be prepared neatly and clearly on a durable paper

sheet.

(4) Drawings shall be on standard A4 size sheets with a clear margin of at least 4 cm on the

top and left hand and 3cm at the bottom and right hand of every sheet.

(5) Drawings shall be on a scale sufficiently large to show the inventions clearly and dimensions

shall not be marked on the drawings.

(6) Drawings shall be sequentially or systematically numbered and shall bear—

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### CHAPTER III

#### INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS UNDER PATENT COOPERATION

#### TREATY (PCT)

17. Definitions.—In this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Article" means an Article of the Treaty;

(aa) "Examining Authority" means the Indian International Preliminary Examining

Authority referred to in sub-rule (1) of rule 19F;

(ab) "International Bureau" means the International Bureau of World Intellectual

Property Organisation;

(ac) "Searching Authority" means the Indian International Searching Authority referred

to in sub-rule (1) of rule 19A;

(b) transmit one copy to be called the "record copy" to the International Bureau; and

(c) transmit one copy to be called "search copy" to the competent International

Searching Authority referred to in Article 16 of the Treaty,

And simultaneously furnish complete details of such application to the Patent Office, Delhi

branch.

19. International applications filed with appropriate office as receiving office.-(1) An

international application shall be filed with the appropriate office in triplicate either in English or

Hindi language.

(2) The fees payable in respect of an international application shall, in addition to the fees

specified in the regulations under the Treaty, be the fees as specified in the First Schedule and

the Fifth Schedule.

(b) "Treaty" or "PCT" means the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

(c) All other words and expressions used herein and not defined but defined in the PCT shall

have the same meaning as assigned to them in that Treaty.

18. Appropriate office in relation to international applications -(1) The receiving office, the

designated office and the elected office, as the case may be, for the purposes of international

applications shall be the appropriate office referred to in rule 4.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), the Patent Office, Delhi branch shall be

the appropriate office for dealing with the International Bureau and any other International

Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

(3) An international application shall be filed at and processed by the appropriate office,

referred to in sub-rule (1), in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, the Treaty and the regulations under the Treaty.

(4) The appropriate office referred to in sub-rule (1), shall, on receipt of an international

application, (a) keep one copy of the application to be called the "home copy" in its office;

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(3) Where an international application has not been filed in triplicate, the appropriate office

shall, upon payment of fees specified in the First Schedule, prepare the required additional

copies.

(4) On receipt of a request from the applicant and on payment of the fees specified in the

First Schedule, the appropriate office shall prepare a certified copy of the priority document

and promptly transmit the same to the International Bureau and intimate the applicant and

the Patent Office, Delhi branch.

19A. Indian International Searching Authority.-(1) The Patent Office, Delhi branch shall perform

the functions of the Indian International Searching Authority under the treaty in accordance

with an agreement between the Indian Patent Office and the International Bureau.

(2) The fees payable to the Searching Authority shall, in addition to the fees specified in the

regulations made under the Treaty, be the fees as specified in the Fifth Schedule.

(3) The Searching Authority referred to in sub-rule (1), shall establish international search

report in respect of international applications, or, as the case may be, declare in accordance

with sub-rule (3) of rule 19B, in cases where India has been indicated as a competent

International Searching Authority.

19 B. International search report.- (1) The Searching Authority shall, on receipt of the search

copy, notify the International Bureau and the applicant about the receipt of search copy with

identification mark 'ISA/IN' along with the international application number and its serial

number and the date of receipt of the search copy.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the proviso to item (i) of sub-rule (2) of rule 24B,

the Searching Authority shall, upon receipt of the search copy, refer the international

application, in the order in which the search copy was received, to an examiner or any other

officer appointed under sub-section (2) of Section 73 of the Act for preparing an international

search report, in accordance with the provisions contained in the Treaty and the regulations

under the Treaty, ordinarily within a period of one month but not exceeding two months from

the date of such reference.

(3) The Searching Authority, if it considers that-

(a) the international application relates to a subject matter which the Searching Authority is

not required to search and accordingly decides not to search; or

(b) the description, claims or drawings fail to comply with the requirements prescribed under

the regulation under the Treaty to such an extent that a meaningful search could not be carried

out, the Authority shall so declare and notify the applicant and the International Bureau that no

international search report shall be established.

(4) In a case where any situation referred to in clause (a) or clause (b) of sub-rule (3) is found to

exist in connection with certain claims only, the Searching Authority shall indicate this fact in

the International Search Report in respect of such claims, and for other claims, it shall establish

the International Search Report.

(5) The Searching Authority, if it considers that the international application does not comply

with the requirement of unity of invention, in accordance with the provisions contained in Rule

13 of the regulations under the Treaty, shall send a notice specifying the reasons for which the

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international application is not considered as complying with the requirement of unity of

invention and inviting the applicant-

(a) to pay the additional fees specified in the Fifth Schedule, indicating the amount of fees to be

paid, within a period of one month from the date of such invitation; and

(b) to pay, where applicable, the protest fee specified in the Fifth Schedule, indicating the

amount of fee to be paid, within a period of one month from the date of such invitation.

(6) The Searching Authority shall establish the International Search Report on those parts of the

international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims ("main

invention") and subject to payment of additional fee within the period specified in sub-rule (5),

on those parts of the international application which relate to inventions in respect of which

such additional fees were paid.

(7) Any applicant may pay the additional fees under protest, that is, accompanied by a reasoned

statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of

unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fees is excessive.

(8) The examination of the protest referred to in sub-rule (7) shall be carried out by a Review

Committee constituted by the Controller.

(9) The Review Committee constituted under sub-rule (8) shall examine the extent to which the

protest is justified and shall accordingly order for the total or partial reimbursement of the

additional fee to the applicant.

(10) Where the applicant has not paid the fees for the protest in accordance with clause (b) of

sub-rule (5), the protest shall be considered not to have been made and the Searching Authority

shall so declare.

(11) The protest fee shall be refunded to the applicant where the Review Committee referred

to in sub-rule (8) finds that the protest was entirely justified.

(12) Where the international application contains the disclosure of one or more nucleotide or

amino acid sequences and the sequences are not furnished in computer-readable text format,

the Searching Authority shall send a notice to the applicant to submit the sequence listing in

computer-readable text format and pay the late furnishing fee specified in the Fifth Schedule,

within a period of one month from the date of such notice and if the applicant fails to comply

with the notice, the Searching Authority shall search the international application to the extent

that a meaningful search can be carried out without the sequence listing.

19 C. Time limit for establishing international search report.- The Searching Authority shall

establish the International Search Report and written opinion or, as the case may be, the

declaration referred to in sub-rule (3) of rule 19B within a period of three months from the date

of receipt of the search copy by the Searching Authority, or within a period of nine months from

the date of priority, whichever expires later.

19D. Transmittal of the International Search Report and written opinion.-

The Searching Authority shall transmit one copy of the International Search Report or of the

declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) of the Treaty, and one copy of the written opinion

established under Rule 43bis.1 of the regulations under the Treaty, to the International Bureau

and one copy to the applicant, on the same day.

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19E. Confidential treatment.- All matters pertaining to international applications shall be kept

confidential in accordance with the treaty and the regulations under the Treaty.

19F.Indian International Preliminary Examining Authority. - (1) The Patent Office, Delhi branch

shall perform the functions of the International Preliminary Examining Authority under the

Treaty in accordance with an agreement between the Indian Patent Office and the

International Bureau.

(2) The Examining Authority referred to in sub-rule (1), shall establish-

(a)the International Preliminary Examination Report in respect of all international applications

electing India as an International Preliminary Examining Authority;

(b) the International Preliminary Examination Report in respect of the demands filed by the

nationals or residents of other countries in accordance with an agreement between Indian

Patent Office and the International Bureau, upon being notified by the International Bureau;

(c) the International Preliminary Examination in respect of demands made by the nationals or

residents of other countries not party to the Treaty or not bound by Chapter II of the Treaty,if

the Assembly has so approves.

19G.Period for making a demand.- (1) The demand for international preliminary examination

shall be made within the period specified in the Treaty or regulations under the Treaty.

(2) In case the demand is made after the expiry of the period specified in sub-rule (1), it shall be

considered to have not been made and no International Preliminary Examination Report shall

be prepared.

19H.Fees payable to Examining Authority. -The fees payable to the Examining Authority shall,

in addition to the fees specified in the regulations under the Treaty, be the fees specified in the

Fifth Schedule.

19I.Manner of making a demand.- A demand shall be made in accordance with the provisions

contained in these rules, the Treaty and the regulations under the Treaty.

19J.Processing of demands for International preliminary examination.- (1) The Examining

Authority, on receipt of the demand for international preliminary examination, if the Examining

Authority is competent to conduct an international preliminary examination, shall assign the

identification mark 'IPEA/IN' and shall notify the Applicant and the International Bureau.

(2)In case where the Examining Authority is not competent to conduct the international

preliminary examination of the international application, it shall transmit the demand promptly

to the International Bureau.

19K. International Preliminary Examination Report.-

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in

the proviso to item (i) of sub-rule (2) of rule 24B, the Examining Authority shall refer the

international application, in accordance with the provisions contained in the Treaty and the

regulations under the Treaty, in the order in which the demand was received in the Examining

Authority to an examiner or any other officer appointed under sub-section (2) of section 73 of

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the Act for preparing an International Preliminary Examination Report ordinarily within a

period of three months but not exceeding four months from the date of such reference.

(2) Claims relating to inventions in respect of which no International Search Report has been

established shall not be the subject of international preliminary examination.

(3) The Examining Authority, if considers that-

(a) the international application relates to a subject matter on which the Examining

Authority is not required to carry out an international preliminary examination, and,

decides not to carry out such examination; or

(b) that the description, the claims, or the drawings, are so unclear, or the claims are so

inadequately supported by the description, that no meaningful opinion can be formed

on the questions of novelty, inventive step (nonobviousness),

or industrial applicability,

the Examining Authority shall not go into these questions and shall inform the applicant

of this opinion and the reasons therefor.

(4) In a case where any situation referred to in clause (a) or clause (b) of sub-rule (3) is found to

exist in connection with certain claims only, the Examining Authority shall indicate this fact in

the International Preliminary Examination Report in respect of such claims, and for other

claims, it shall establish the International Preliminary Examination Report.

(5) Where the Examining Authority finds that the international application does not comply

with the requirement of unity of invention, in accordance with the provisions contained in Rule

13 of the regulations under the Treaty and chooses to invite the applicant, at his option, to

restrict the claims or to pay additional fees. It shall issue a notice to the applicant:

(6) Any applicant may pay the additional fees under protest, that is, accompanied by a reasoned

statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of

unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fees is excessive.

(7) The examination of the protest referred to in sub-rule {5} shall be carried out by a Review

Committee constituted by the Controller.

(8) The Review Committee constituted under sub-rule (7) shall examine the extent to which the

protest is justified and shall accordingly order for the total or partial reimbursement to the

applicant of the additional fee.

(9) The protest fee shall be refunded to the applicant where the Review Committee referred to

in sub-rule (6) finds that the protest was entirely justified.

19L.Period for establishing international preliminary examination report and its transmission.

- The period for establishing the International Preliminary Examination Report shall be:

(a) specifying at least one possibility of restriction which in the opinion of the Examining

Authority, would be in compliance with the applicable requirement;

(b) specifying the reasons for which the international application is not considered

as complying with the requirement of unity of invention;

(c) inviting the applicant to comply with the invitation within one month from the date

of such notice;

(d) indicating the amount of the required additional fees to be paid in case the applicant

so chooses; and

(e) inviting the applicant to pay, the protest fee within one month from the date of such

notice, and indicate the amount to be paid, as specified in the Fifth Schedule.

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(i) twenty eight months from the priority date; or

(ii) six months from the period specified under Rule 69.1 of the regulations under the Treaty for

the start of the international preliminary examination; or

(iii) six months from the date of receipt by the Examining Authority of the translation furnished

under Rule 55.2 of the regulations under the Treaty, whichever expires last.

19M. Transmittal of the International Preliminary Examination Report.-The Examining

Authority shall transmit one copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report and its

annexures, if any, to the International Bureau, and one copy to the applicant, on the same day.

19N. Conditions for and extent of refund.- The fee paid by the applicant may be refunded,

waived or reduced to the extent and in accordance with the conditions specified in the Treaty

or the regulations under the Treaty and the agreement entered between the Indian Patent

Office and the International Bureau.

20. International applications designating or designating and electing India.—(1)An

application corresponding to an international application under the Patent Cooperation

Treaty under section 7(1A) may be made in Form 1.

(2) The Patent Office shall not commence processing of an application filed corresponding to

international application designating India before the expiration of the time limit prescribed

under sub-rule (4) (i).

(3) An applicant in respect of an international application designating India shall, before the

time limit prescribed in sub-rule (4)(i),—

(a) pay the prescribed national fee and other fees to the patent office in the manner

prescribed under these rules and under the regulations made under the Treaty;

(b) and where the international application was either not filed or has not been

published in English, file with the patent office, a translation of the application in

English, duly verified by the applicant or the person duly authorised by him that the

contents thereof are correct and complete.

(4) (i) The time limit referred to in sub-rule (2) shall be thirty one months from the priority date

as referred to in Article 2(xi);

(ii) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (i), the Patent Office may, on the

express request filed in Form 18 along with the fee specified in First Schedule,

process or examine the application at any time before thirty one months.

(5) The translation of the international application referred to in sub-rule (3) shall include a

translation in English of,—

(i) the description;

(ii) the claims as filed;

(iii) any text matter of the drawings;

(iv) the abstract; and

(v) in case the applicant has not elected India and if the claims have been amended

under Article 19, then the amended claims together with any statement filed under the

said Article;

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(vi) in case the applicant has elected India and any amendments to the description, the

claims and text matter of the drawings that are annexed to the international

preliminary examination report.

(6) If the applicant fails to file a translation of the amended claims and annexures referred to in

sub-rule (5), even after invitation from the appropriate office to do so, within a time limit as

may be fixed by that office having regard to the time left for meeting the requirements, the

amended claims and annexures shall be disregarded in the course of further processing the

application by the appropriate office.

(7) The applicant in respect of an international application designating India shall when

complying with sub-rule (3), preferably use Forms set out in the Second Schedule before the

appropriate office as designated office.

21. Filing of priority document.—(1) Where the applicant in respect of an international

application designating India has not complied with the requirements of paragraph (a) or

paragraph (b) of rule 17.1 of the regulations under the Treaty, the applicant shall file with the

patent office the priority document referred to in that rule before the expiration of the time

limit referred to in sub-rule (4) of rule 20.

(2) Where priority document referred to in sub-rule (1) is not in the English language, an

English translation thereof duly verified by the applicant or the person duly authorised by him

shall be filed within the time limit specified in sub-rule (4) of rule 20.

(3) Where the applicant does not comply with the requirements of sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2),

the appropriate office shall invite the applicant to file the priority document or the translation

thereof, as the case may be, within three months from the date of such invitation, and if the

applicant fails to do so, the claim of the applicant for the priority shall be disregarded for

the purposes of the Act.

22. Effect of non-compliance with certain requirements.—An international application

designating India shall be deemed to be withdrawn if the applicant does not comply with the

requirements of rule 20.

23. The requirements under this Chapter to be supplemental of the regulations, etc., under

the Treaty.—( 1 ) The provisions of this Chapter shall be supplemental to the PCT and the

regulation and the administrative instructions made thereunder.

(2) In case of a conflict between any provisions of the rules contained in this Chapter and

provisions of the Treaty and the regulations and the administrative instructions made

thereunder, the provisions of the Treaty and the regulations and administrative instructions

made thereunder shall apply in relation to international applications.

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## CHAPTER IV

### PUBLICATION AND EXAMINATION OF APPLICATIONS

ing of the application, whichever is earlier;

(ii) The period within which the request for examination under sub-section (3) of

section 11B to be made shall be forty-eight months from the date of priority if

applicable, or forty-eight months from the date of filing of the application;

(iii) The request for examination under sub-section (4) of section 11B shall be made

within forty-eight months from the date of priority or from the date of filing of the

application, or within six months from the date of revocation of the secrecy direction,

whichever is later;

(iv) The request for examination of application as filed according to the 'Explanation'

under sub-section (3) of section 16 shall be made within forty-eight months from the

date of filing of the application or from the date of priority of the first mentioned

application or within six months from the date of filing of the further application,

whichever is later;

(v)The period for making request for examination under section 11B, of the applications

filed before the 1st day of January, 2005 shall be the period specified under the section

11B before the' commencement of the Patents (Amendment) Act, 2005 or the period

specified under these rules, whichever expires later.

(2)(i)The period within which the Controller shall refer the application and specification and

other documents to the examiner in respect of the applications where the request for

examination has been received shall ordinarily be one month from the date its publication or

one month from the date of the request for examination whichever is later:

Provided that such reference shall be made in order in which the request is filed under subrule

(1).

(ii)The period within which the examiner shall make the report under sub-section (2)

of section 12, shall ordinarily be one month but not exceeding three months from the

date of reference of the application to him by the Controller;

24. Publication of application.—The period for which an application for patent shall not

ordinarily be open to public under sub-section ( 1 ) of section 11A shall be eighteen months

from the date of filing of application or the date of priority of the application, whichever is

earlier.

Provided that the period within which the Controller shall publish the application in the journal

shall ordinarily be one month from the date of expiry of said period, or one month from the

date of request for publication under rule 24A.

24A. Request for publication.—A request for publication under sub-section (2) of section 11A

shall be made in Form 9.

24B. Examination of application.—( 1 ) (i) A request for examination under section 11B shall

be made in Form 18 within forty-eight months from the date of priority of the application or

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(iii)the period within which the Controller shall dispose off the report of the examiner

shall ordinarily be one month from the date of the receipt of the such report by the

Controller.

(3) A first examination report along with the application and specification shall be sent to the

applicant or his authorised agent ordinarily within six months from the date of the request for

examination or six months from date of publication whichever is later. In case other

interested person files the request, for examination, an intimation of such examination may

be sent to such interested person.

(4) The time for putting an application in order for grant under section 21 shall be twelve

months from the date on which the first statement of objection is issued to the applicant to

comply with the requirements.

25. Identification of published applications.—Publication of application under sub-sections

(2) and (5) of section 11A shall be identified by the letter 'A' along with the number of

application.

26. Request for withdrawal.—A request for withdrawing the application under sub-section (4)

of section 11B shall be made in writing.

27. Inspection and supply of published documents.—After the date of publication of the

application under section 11A, the application together with the complete specification and

provisional specification, if any, the drawing, if any, the abstract and any other document filed

in respect of the application may be inspected at the appropriate office by making a written

request to the Controller on payment of the fee in that behalf and copies thereof may be

obtained on payment of fees specified in the First Schedule.

28. Procedure in case of anticipation by prior publication.—(1) If the Controller is satisfied after

investigation under section 13 that the invention so far as claimed in any claim of the complete

specification has been published in any specification or other document referred to in clause

(a) of sub-section (1) or subsection (2) of the said section, the Controller shall communicate the

gist of specific objections and the basis thereof to the applicant and the applicant shall be

afforded an opportunity to amend his specification.

(2) If the applicant contests any of the objections communicated to him by the Controller under

sub-rule (1), or if he refiles his specification along with his observations as to whether or not

the specification is to be amended, he shall be given an opportunity to be heard in the matter

if he so requests:

Provided that such request shall be made on a date earlier than ten days of the final date of

the period preferred to under sub-section (1) of section 21:

Provided further that a request for hearing may be allowed to be filed within such shorter

period as the Controller may deem fit in the circumstances of the case.

(3) If the applicant requests for a hearing under sub-rule (2) within a period of one month

from the date of communication of the gist of objections, or, the Controller, considers it

desirable to do so, whether or not the applicant has refiled his application, he shall forthwith

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fix a date and time for hearing having regard to the period remaining for putting the

application in order or to the other circumstances of the case.

(4) The applicant shall be given ten days' notice of any such hearing or such shorter notice as

appears to the Controller to be reasonable in the circumstances of the case and the applicant

shall, as soon as possible, notify the Controller whether he will attend the hearing.

(5) After hearing the applicant, or without a hearing if the applicant has not attended or has

notified that he does not desire to be heard, the Controller may specify or permit such

amendment of the specification as he thinks fit to be made and may refuse to grant the

patent unless the amendment so specified or permitted is made within such period as may be fixed.

28A. Procedure in relation to consideration of report of examiner under section 14.—In case the

applicant contests any of the objections communicated to him, the procedure specified under

rule 28 may apply.

29. Procedure in case of anticipation by prior claiming.—(1) When it is found that the

invention so far as claimed in any claim of the complete specification, is claimed in any

claim of any other specification falling within clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 13, the

applicant shall be so informed and shall be afforded an opportunity to amend his specification.

(2) If the applicant's specification is otherwise in order for grant and an objection under clause

(b) of sub-section (1) of section 13 is outstanding, the Controller may postpone the grant of

patent and allow a period of two months for removing the objection.

30. Amendment of the complete specification in case of anticipation.—If the applicant so

requests at any time, or if the Controller is satisfied that the objection has not been removed

within the period referred to in sub-rule (2) of rule 29, a date for hearing the applicant shall be

fixed forthwith and the applicant shall be given at least ten days' notice of the date so fixed.

The applicant shall, as soon as possible, notify the Controller whether he will attend the

hearing.

(2) After hearing the applicant, or without a hearing if the applicant has not attended or has

notified that he does not desire to be heard, the Controller may specify or permit such

amendment of the specification as will be to his satisfaction to be made and may direct that

reference to such other specification, as he shall mention shall be inserted in the applicant's

specification unless the amendment is made or agreed to within such period as he may fix.

31. Form of reference to another specification.—When in pursuance of rule 30, the Controller

directs that a reference to another specification shall be inserted in the applicant's complete

specification, such reference shall be inserted after the claims and shall be in the following

form, namely:

"Reference has been directed, in pursuance of section 18(2) of the Patents Act, 1970, to the

specification filed in pursuance of application No....."

32. Procedure in case of potential infringement.—If in consequence of an investigation made

under section 13, it appears to the Controller that the applicant's invention cannot be

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performed without substantial risk of infringement of a claim of another patent, the

applicant shall be so informed and the procedure provided in rule 29 shall, so far as may be

necessary, be applicable.

33. Form of reference to another patent.—Where the Controller directs that a reference to

another patent shall be inserted in the applicant's complete specification under subsection

(1) of section 19, such reference shall be inserted, after the claims in the following

form, namely:

"Reference has been directed, in pursuance of section 19(1) of the Patents Act, 1970, to

Patent No..... "

34. Manner in which a claim under section 20(1) shall be made.—(1) A claim under subsection

(1) of section 20 shall be made in Form 6.

(2)The original assignment or agreement or an official copy or notarized copy thereof shall

also be produced for the Controller's inspection and the Controller may call for such other

proof of title or written consent as he may require.

35. Manner in which a request may be made under section 20(4).—

(1) A request under subsection

(4) of section 20 shall be made in Form 6.

(2) The request shall be accompanied by proof of death of the joint applicant and a certified

copy of the probate of the will of the deceased or letters of administration in respect of his

estate or any other document to prove that the person who gives the consent is the legal

representative of the deceased applicant.

36. Manner of application under section 20(5).—(1) An application under sub-section (5) of

section 20 shall be made in Form 6 in duplicate and shall be accompanied by a statement

setting out fully the facts upon which the applicant relies and the directions which he seeks.

(2) A copy of the application and statement shall be sent by the Controller to every other joint

applicant.

37. Numbering of applications on the grant of patent.—On the grant of a patent, the

application shall be accorded a number (called serial number) in the series of numbers

accorded to patents under the Indian Patents and Designs Act, 1911 (2 of 1911), which shall

be the number of the patent so granted.

38. [Omitted by Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2005]

CHAPTER V (Omitted)

EXCLUSIVE MARKETING RIGHTS

Rules 39 to 54 [Omitted by Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2005]

CHAPTER VI

OPPOSITION PROCEEDINGS TO GRANT OF PATENTS

55. Opposition to the patent.—(1) Representation for opposition under sub-section (1) of

section 25 shall be filed in Form 7 (A) at the appropriate office and shall include a statement

and evidence, if any, in support of the representation and a request for hearing if so desired.

(1A) notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), no patent shall be granted

before the expiry of a period of six months from the date of publication of the

application under section 11 A.

(2) The Controller shall consider such representation only when a request for examination of

the application has been filed.

(3) On consideration of the representation if the Controller is of the opinion that application

for patent shall be refused or the complete specification requires amendment, he shall give a

notice to the applicant to that effect along with a copy of such representation.

(4) On receiving the notice under sub-rule (3), the applicant shall, if he so desires, file his

statement and evidence, if any in support of his application within three months from the date

of the notice.

(5) On consideration of the statement and evidence filed by the applicant, the Controller may

either refuse to grant a patent on the application or require the complete specification to be

amended to his satisfaction before the patent is granted.

(6) After considering the representation and submission made during the hearing if so

requested, the Controller shall proceed further simultaneously either rejecting the

representation and granting the patent or accepting the representation and refusing the grant

of patent on that application, ordinarily within one month from the completion of above

proceedings.

55A. Filing of notice of opposition.—The notice of opposition to be given under sub-section (2)

of section 25 shall be made in Form 7 and sent to the Controller in duplicate at the appropriate

office.

56. Constitution of Opposition Board and its proceeding.—(1) On receipt of notice of opposition

under rule 55A, the Controller shall, by order, constitute an Opposition Board consisting of

three members and nominate one of the members as the Chairman of the Board.

(2) An examiner appointed under sub-section (2) of section 73 shall be eligible to be a member

of the Opposition Board.

(3) The examiner, who has dealt with the application for patent during the proceeding for grant

of patent thereon shall not be eligible as member of Opposition Board as specified in subrule

(2) for that application.

(4) The Opposition Board shall conduct the examination of the notice of opposition along with

documents filed under rules 57 to 60 referred to under sub-section (3) of section 25, submit a

report with reasons on each ground taken in the notice of opposition with its joint

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recommendation within three months from the date on which the documents were forwarded

to them.

57. Filing of written statement of opposition and evidence.—The opponent shall send a

written statement in duplicate setting out the nature of the opponent's interest, the facts upon

which he bases his case and relief which he seeks and evidence, if any, along with notice of

opposition and shall deliver to the patentee a copy of the statement and the evidence, if any.

58. Filing of reply statement and evidence.—(1) If the patentee desires to contest the

opposition, he shall leave at the appropriate office a reply statement setting out fully the

grounds upon which the opposition is contested and evidence, if any, in support of his case

within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the copy of the written

statement and Opponent's evidence, if any by him under rule 57 and deliver to the

opponent a copy thereof.

(2) If the patentee does not desire to contest or leave his reply and evidence within the period

as specified in sub-rule (1), the patent shall be deemed to have been revoked.

59. Filing of reply evidence by opponent.—The opponent may, within one month from the

date of delivery to him of a copy of the patentee's reply statement and evidence under rule 58,

leave at the appropriate office evidence in reply strictly confined to matters in the

patentee's evidence and shall deliver to the patentee a copy of such evidence.

60. Further evidence to be left with the leave of the Controller.—No further evidence shall be

delivered by either party except with the leave or directions of the Controller:

Provided that such leave or direction is prayed before the Controller has fixed the hearing

under rule 62.

61. Copies of documents to be supplied.—(1) Copies of all documents referred to in the notice

of opposition or in any statement or evidence filed in connection with the opposition and

authenticated to the satisfaction of the Controller, shall be simultaneously furnished in

duplicate unless the Controller otherwise directs.

(2) Where a specification or other document in a language other than English is referred to in

the notice, statement or evidence, an attested translation thereof, in duplicate, in English shall

be furnished along with such notice, statement or evidence, as the case may be.

62. Hearing.—(1) On the completion of the presentation of evidence, if any, and on receiving

the recommendation of Opposition Board or at such other time as the Controller may

think fit, he shall fix a date and time for the hearing of the opposition and shall give the parties

not less than ten days' notice of such hearing and may require members of Opposition Board to

be present in the hearing.

(2) If either party to the proceeding desires to be heard, he shall inform the Controller by a

notice along with the fee as specified in the First Schedule.

(3) The Controller may refuse to hear any party who has not given notice under sub-rule (2).

(4) If either party intends to rely on any publication at the hearing not already mentioned in

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heard, then without a hearing, and after taking into consideration the recommendation of

the notice, statement or evidence, he shall give to the other party and to the Controller not

less than five days' notice of his intention, together with details of such publication.

(5) After hearing the party or parties desirous of being heard, or if neither party desires to be

Opposition Board, the Controller shall decide the opposition and notify his decision to

the parties giving reasons therefor.

63. Determination of costs.—If the patentee notifies the Controller that he desires to

withdraw the patent after notice of opposition is given, the Controller, depending on the

merits of the case, may decide whether costs should be awarded to the opponent.

63A. Request made under section 26(1).—Request under section 26(1) shall be made on Form

12 within three months from the date of the order of the Controller and shall be accompanied

by a statement setting out the facts upon which the petitioner relies and relief he claims.

64. & 65. [Omitted by Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2005]

66. Form of making a request under section 28(2).—A request under subsection (2) of section

28 shall be made in Form 8.

67. Form of making a claim under section 28(3).—(1) A claim under sub section (3) of section

28 shall be made in Form 8, and shall be accompanied by a statement setting out the

circumstances under which the claim is made.

(2) A copy of the claim and the statement shall be sent by the Controller to every applicant for

the patent (not being the claimant) and to any other person whom the Controller may consider

to be interested.

68. Form of application to be made under section 28(7).—(1) An application under sub-section

(7) of section 28 shall be made in Form 8 and shall be accompanied by a statement setting out

the circumstances under which the application is made.

(2)A copy of the application and the statement shall be sent by the Controller to each

patentee or the applicant for patent, as the case may be, and to any other person whom the

Controller may consider to be interested.

69. Procedure for the hearing of claim or an application under section 28.—The procedure

specified in rules 55A and 57 to 63 relating to the filing of notice of opposition, written

statement, reply, statement, leaving evidence, hearing and cost shall, so far as may be,

apply to the hearing of a claim or an application under section 28 as they apply to the

opposition proceedings subject to the modification that reference to patentee shall be

construed as the person making the claim, or an application, as the case may be.

70. Mention of inventor.—Any mention of the inventor under sub-section (1) of section 28 shall

be made in the relevant documents in the following form namely:—

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"The inventor of this invention/substantial part of this invention

within the meaning of section 28 of the Patents Act, 1970, is.....

.....Of..... ".

## CHAPTER VII

## SECRECY DIRECTIONS

71. Permission for making patent application outside India under section 39.—(1) The request

for permission for making patent application outside India shall be made in Form 25.

(2) The time within which the Controller dispose of the request made under sub-rule (1), except

in case of inventions relating to defence and atomic energy applications, shall ordinarily be

within a period of twenty one days from the date of filing of such request.

72. Communication of result of reconsideration under section 36(2).— (1) The result of every

reconsideration under sub-section (1) of section 36 shall be communicated to the applicant for

patent within fifteen days of the receipt of the notice by the Controller.

(2) Extension of time on revocation of secrecy directions under section 38.—The extension of time to

be given for doing anything required or authorised to be done under section 38 shall not

exceed the period for which directions given by the Central Government under sub-section (1)

of section 35 were in force.

## CHAPTER VIII

### GRANT OF PATENTS

73. [Omitted by Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2005]

74. Form of patent.—(1) A patent shall be in the form as specified in the Third Schedule with

such modifications as the circumstances of each case may require and shall bear the

number accorded to the application under rule 37.

(2) The patent certificate shall ordinarily be issued within seven days from the date of grant of

patent under section 43.

74A. Inspection of documents related to grant of patent.—After the date of publication of a

grant of a patent, the application together with the complete specification and

provisional specification, if any, the drawing if any, abstract and other documents related

thereto may be inspected at the appropriate office by making a written request to the

Controller and on payment of fee and may obtain copies on payment of fee specified in the

First Schedule.

75. Amendment of patent under section 44.—An application under section 44 for the

amendment of a patent shall be made in Form 10 along with substantiating evidence and be

accompanied by the patent.

76.Manner of applying for direction under section 51(1).—(1)An application for directions

under sub-section (1) of section 51 shall be made in Form 11 and shall be accompanied by a

statement setting out the facts upon which the applicant relies.

(2) A copy of the application and of the statement shall be sent by the Controller to every other

person registered as grantee or proprietor of the patent.

77.Manner of application under section 51(2).—(1) An application for directions under subsection

(2) of section 51 shall be made in Form 11 and shall be accompanied by a statement

setting out the facts upon which the applicant relies.

(2) A copy of the application and statement shall be sent by the Controller to the person in

default.

78. Procedure for the hearing of proceedings under section 51.—The procedure specified in

rules 55A and 57 to 63 relating to the filing of notice of opposition, written statement,

reply statement, leaving evidence, hearing and costs shall, so far as may be, apply to the

hearing of an application under section 51 as they apply to the hearing of an opposition

proceeding.

79. Request under section 52(2).—(1) A request under sub-section (2) of section 52 shall be

made in Form 12 within three months from the date of the order of the Appellate Board or

court referred to in sub-section (1) of the said section and shall be accompanied by a statement

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setting out the facts upon which the petitioner relies and the relief he claims and a certified

copy of the order of the Appellate Board or court.

(2) Where the Appellate Board or court has ordered the grant of patent to the applicant only

for a part of the invention, the new patent granted shall be accorded a number in the same

series of numbers accorded to the complete specifications accepted on the same day as the

patent is granted.

80. Renewal fees under section 53.—(1) To keep a patent in force, the renewal fees specified

in the First Schedule shall be payable at the expiration of the second year from the date of

the patent or of any succeeding year and the same shall be remitted to the patent office before

the expiration or the second or the succeeding year.

(1A) The period for payment of renewal fees so specified in sub-rule (1) may be

extended to such period not being more than six months if the request for such

extension of time is made in Form 4 with the fee specified in the First Schedule.

(2) While paying the renewal fee, the number and date of the patent concerned and the year in

respect of which the fee is paid shall be quoted.

(3) The annual renewal fees payable in respect of two or more years may be paid in advance.

(4) The Controller shall, after making such enquiry as he may deem necessary, credit any

renewal fee and issue a certificate that the fee has been paid.

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## CHAPTER IX

### AMENDMENT OF APPLICATION, SPECIFICATION OR ANY

#### DOCUMENT RELATING THERETO

(b) Any person interested in opposing the application for amendment shall give a notice

of opposition in Form 14 within three months from the date of publication of the

application.

(c) The procedure specified in rules 57 to 63 relating to the filing of written

statement, reply statement, leaving evidence, hearing and costs shall, so far as may be,

apply to the hearing of the opposition under section 57 as they apply to the hearing of

an opposition proceeding.

82. Preparation of amended specifications, etc.—Where the Controller allows the application

for a patent or the complete specification or any other document to be amended, the applicant

shall, if the Controller so requires and within the time to be specified by him, leave at the

appropriate office an amended application or the specification or the other document, as the

case may be, in accordance with the provisions of these rules.

83. Publication of the amendment allowed.—The amendments allowed after a patent has

been granted, shall be published.

81. Amendment of application, specification or any document relating thereto.—(1) An

application under section 57 for the amendment of an application for a patent or a complete

specification or any document related thereto shall be made in Form 13.

(2) If the application for amendment under sub-rule (1) relates to an application for a patent

which has not been granted, the Controller shall determine whether and subject to what

conditions, if any, the amendment shall be allowed.

(3) (a) If the application for amendment under sub-rule (1) is made after grant of patent and

the nature of the proposed amendment is substantive, the application shall be published.

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## CHAPTER X

### RESTORATION OF PATENTS

84. Restoration of patents.— (1) An application for the restoration of a patent under section 60

shall be made in Form 15.

(2) Where the Controller is satisfied that a prima facie case for the restoration of any patent has

not been made out, he shall intimate the applicant accordingly and unless the applicant

makes a request to be heard in the matter within one month from the date of such intimation,

the Controller shall refuse the application.

(3) Where applicant requests for a hearing within the time allowed and the Controller, after

giving the applicant such a hearing, is prima facie satisfied that the failure to pay the renewal

fees was unintentional, he shall publish the application.

85. Opposition to restoration under section 61.—(1) At any time, within two months from the

date of publication of the application under sub-rule (3) of rule 84, any person interested may

give notice of opposition thereto in Form 14.

(2) A copy of the notice of opposition shall be sent by the Controller to the applicant.

(3) The procedure specified in rules 57 to 63 relating to the filing of written statement, reply

statement, leaving evidence, hearing and costs shall, so far as may be, apply to the hearing of

the opposition under section 60 as they apply to the hearing in the opposition proceeding.

86. Payment of unpaid renewal fees.—(1) Where the Controller decides in favour of the

applicant, the applicant shall pay the unpaid renewal fees and the additional fee specified in

the First Schedule, within a month from the date of the order of the Controller allowing the

application for restoration.

(2) The Controller shall publish his decision.

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## CHAPTER XI

### SURRENDER OF PATENTS

87. Surrender of Patents.—(1) The Controller shall publish the notice of an offer given under

section 63.

(2) Any person interested may, within three months from the date of publication of the notice,

give notice of opposition to the Controller in Form 14 in duplicate.

(3) The procedure specified in rules 57 to 63 relating to the filing of written statement, reply

statement, leaving evidence, hearing and costs shall, so far as may be, apply to the hearing of

the opposition under section 63 as they apply to the hearing in opposition proceeding.

(4) If the Controller accepts the patentee's offer to surrender the patent, he may direct the

patentee to return the patent, and on receipt of such patent, the Controller shall by order

revoke it and publish the revocation of the patent.

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## CHAPTER XII

### REGISTER OF PATENTS

88. Register of patents under section 67.—(1) Upon the grant of a patent, the Controller shall

enter in the register of patents at each appropriate office, the name, address and nationality of

the grantee as the patentee thereof, the title of the invention (including the categories to

which the invention relates), the date of the patent and the date of grant thereof together

with the address for service of the patentee.

(2) The Controller shall also enter in the register of patents particulars regarding proceedings

under the Act before the Controller or Appellate Board or the courts in respect of every

patent.

(3) Where the register of patents or any part thereof is in computer floppies, diskettes or any

other electronic form it shall be maintained and accessed only by the person who is duly

authorised by the Controller and no entry or alteration of any entry or rectification of any entry

in the said register shall be made by any person who is not so authorised by the Controller.

89. [Omitted by Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2005]

90. Registration of title and interest in patents.—(1) An application referred to in sub-section

(1) or sub-section (2) of section 69 shall be made in Form 16.

(2) An application for an entry in the register of patents of any other document purporting to

affect the proprietorship of the patent by the person benefiting under the document shall be

made in Form 16.

91. Presentation of assignment, etc., of patent to Controller.—Every assignment and every

other document giving effect to or being evidence of the transfer of a patent or affecting the

proprietorship thereof or creating an interest therein as claimed in such application, shall,

unless the Controller otherwise directs, be presented to him together with the application

which shall be accompanied by two copies of the assignment or other document

certified to be true copies by the applicant or his agent and the Controller may call for such

other proof of title or written consent as he may require.

92. Registration of title or interest in a patent.—After the receipt of an application under subsection

(1) or sub-section (2) of section 69, the Controller shall register the title of the

person concerned or his interest in a patent, as the case may be, and an entry in the

following form shall be made in the register, namely:—

"In pursuance of an application received on the ..... .  
Proprietor.....

Assignment ..... registered as..... licensee ..... by  
virtue of .....

licence ..... Mortgagee etc. .... .....Mortgage deed  
etc.....dated

.....and made between ..... of the one part and ... of  
the other part."

93.Entry of renewal fee.—Upon receipt of the payment of the prescribed renewal fee in

respect of a patent, the Controller shall enter in the register of patents the fact that the fee

has been paid and the date of payment of such fee and issue a certificate of the payment.

94.Alteration of address.—(1) A patentee may make a request in writing along with fee

payable to the Controller for the alteration of his name, nationality, address or address for

service as entered in the register of patents in respect of any patent granted to him. The

Controller may require such proof of the alteration as he may think fit before acting on a

request to alter the name or nationality.

(2)If the Controller allows a request made under sub-rule (1), he shall cause the entries in the

register to be altered accordingly.

(3)If a patentee makes a request in writing along with fee payable for entering an additional

address for service in India and if the Controller is satisfied that the request should be allowed,

he shall have the additional address for service entered in the register.

95.Inspection of register of patents under section 72 and fees payable therefor.—(1) The

register of patents shall be open for public inspection during office hours on payment of

the fees specified therefor in the First Schedule.

(2) When register of patents or any part thereof is in computer floppies, diskettes or any other

electronic form the person authorised by the Controller under sub-rule (3) of rule 88 shall

provide access to the computer floppies, diskettes or other electronic form or printouts of the records thereof.

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## CHAPTER XIII

### COMPULSORY LICENCE AND REVOCATION OF PATENT

96. Application for compulsory licence etc.—An application to the Controller for an order

under section 84, section 85, section 91 or section 92 or section 92A shall be in Form 17, or

Form 19, as the case may be. Except in the case of an application made by the Central

Government, the application shall set out the nature of the applicant's interest and terms and

conditions of the licence the applicant is willing to accept.

97. When a prima facie case is not made out.—(1) If, upon consideration of the evidence, the

Controller is satisfied that a prima facie case has not been made out for the making of an order

under any of the sections referred to in rule 96, he shall notify the applicant accordingly, and

unless the applicant requests to be heard in the matter, within one month from the date

of such notification, the Controller shall refuse the application.

(2) If the applicant requests for a hearing within the time allowed under sub-rule (1), the

Controller shall, after giving the applicant an opportunity of being heard, determine whether

the application may be proceeded with or whether it shall be refused.

98. Notice of opposition under section 87(2).—(1) A notice of opposition under sub-section (2)

of section 87 shall be given in Form 14 and shall be sent to the Controller within two

months from the date of the publication of the application under sub-section (1) of the said

section.

(2) The notice of opposition referred to in sub-rule (1) shall include the terms and conditions

of the licence, if any, the opponent is prepared to grant to the applicant and shall be

accompanied by evidence in support of the opposition.

(3) The opponent shall serve a copy of his notice of opposition and evidence on the applicant

and notify the Controller when such service has been effected.

(4) No further statement or evidence shall be delivered by either party except with the leave of

or on requisition by the Controller.

(5) The Controller shall forthwith fix a date and time for the hearing of the case and shall give

the parties not less than ten days' notice of such hearing.

(6) The procedure specified in sub-rules (2) to (5) of rule 62, shall, so far as may be, apply to

the procedure for hearing under this rule as they apply to the hearing in opposition

proceedings.

99. Manner of publication of the revocation order.—The Controller shall publish the order

made by him under sub-section (3) of section 85 revoking a patent.

100. Application under section 88(4).—(1) An application under sub-section (4) of section 88 for

the revision of the terms and conditions of a licence which have been settled by the Controller

shall be in Form 20 and shall state the facts relied upon by the applicant and the relief he

seeks and shall be accompanied by evidence in support of the application.

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(2) If the Controller is satisfied that a prima facie case has not been made out for the revision of

the terms and conditions of the licence, he may notify the applicant accordingly and unless

within a month the applicant requests to be heard in the matter, the Controller may refuse

the application.

(3) The Controller, after giving the applicant an opportunity of being heard, shall determine

whether the application shall be proceeded with or whether the application shall be refused.

101. Procedure to be followed in case of applications under section 88(4).—(1)If the

Controller allows the application to be proceeded with, he shall direct the applicant to serve

copies of the application and of the evidence in support thereof upon the patentee or any

other person appearing in the register to be interested in the patent or upon any other person

on whom, in his opinion such copies should be so served.

(2)The applicant shall inform the Controller the date on which the service of copies of

application and of the evidence on the patentee and other persons referred to in sub-rule (1)

has been effected.

(3) The patentee or any other person on whom copies of the application and of the evidence

have been served, may give to the Controller notice of opposition in Form 14 within one month

from the date of such service. Such notice shall contain the grounds relied upon by the

opponent and shall be accompanied by evidence in support of the opposition.

(4)The opponent shall serve copies of the notice of opposition and his evidence on the

applicant and inform the Controller the date on which such service has been effected.

(5) No further evidence or statement shall be filed by either party except with special leave of

or on requisition by the Controller.

(6) On completion of the above proceedings, the Controller shall forthwith fix a date and the

time for the hearing of the case and shall give the parties not less than ten days' notice of such

hearing.

(7) The procedure specified in sub-rules (2) to (5) of rule 62 shall, so far as may be, apply to the

procedure for hearing under this rule as they apply to the hearing in opposition proceedings.

(8) If the Controller decides to revise the terms and conditions of licence he shall forthwith

amend the licence granted to the applicant in such manner, as he may deem necessary.

102. Application for termination of compulsory licence under section 94.—(1) An application for

termination of compulsory licence under section 94(1) shall be made in Form 21 by the

patentee or any other person deriving title or interest in the patent.

The application

shall be accompanied by the evidence in support of the application.

(2) The applicant shall serve a copy of the application and evidence on the holder of the

compulsory licence and shall inform the Controller the date on which the service has been

effected.

(3) The holder of the compulsory licence may file his objection along with evidence, if any, to

the application within one month from the date of receipt of the application and evidence by

him to the Controller and serve a copy thereof to the applicant.

(4) No further evidence or statement shall be filed by either party except with special leave of

or on requisition by the Controller.

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(5) On completion of the above proceedings, the Controller shall forthwith fix a date and the

time for the hearing of the case and shall give the parties not less than ten days' notice of

such hearing.

(6) The procedure specified in sub-rules (2) to (5) of rule 62 so far as may be, apply to the

procedure for hearing under this rule as they apply to the hearing in opposition proceedings.

(7) If the Controller decides to terminate the compulsory licence he shall forthwith issue an

order giving terms and conditions, if any, of such termination and serve copies of the order

to both the parties.

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## CHAPTER XIV

## SCIENTIFIC ADVISERS

103. Roll of scientific advisers.—(1) The Controller shall maintain a roll of scientific advisers for

the purpose of section 115. The roll shall be updated annually. The roll shall contain the names,

addresses, specimen signatures and photographs of scientific advisers, their designations,

information regarding their educational qualifications, the disciplines of their specialisation and

their technical, practical and research experience.

(2) A person shall be qualified to have his name entered in the roll of scientific advisers, if he—

(i) holds a degree in science, engineering or technology or equivalent;

(ii) has at least fifteen years' practical or research experience; and

(iii) he holds or has held a responsible post in a scientific or technical department of the

Central or State Government or in any organisation.

104. Manner of application for inclusion in the roll of scientific advisers.—Any interested

person may apply to the Controller for inclusion of his name in the roll of scientific advisers

furnishing his bio-data.

105. Inclusion of the name of any other person in the roll of scientific advisers.—The

Controller may, notwithstanding anything contained in rules 103 and 104, enter the name of

any person in the roll of scientific advisers, if he is of the opinion after such inquiry as he deems

fit, that such person should be entered in the roll of scientific advisers.

106. Power to relax.—Where the Controller is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so

to do, he may, by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the qualifications

specified in sub-rule (2) of rule 103 with respect to any person, if such person is otherwise

well qualified.

107. Removal of names from the roll of scientific advisers.—The Controller may remove

the name of any person from the roll of scientific advisers, if—

(a) such person makes a request for such removal; or

(b) the Controller is satisfied that his name has been entered in the roll by error or on

account of misrepresentation or suppression of any material fact; or

(c) such person has been convicted of an offence and sentenced to a term of

imprisonment or has been guilty of misconduct in his professional capacity and the

Controller is of the opinion that his name should be removed from the roll:

Provided that, before removing the name of any person from the roll of scientific advisers

under this rule, such person shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

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## CHAPTER XV

### PATENT AGENTS

108. Particulars to be contained in the register of patent agents.—  
The register of patent

agents maintained under section 125 shall contain the name,  
nationality, address of the

principal place of business, addresses of branch offices, if any, the  
qualifications and the date of

registration of every registered patent agent.

(2) Where the register of patent agents is in computer floppies,  
diskettes or any other

electronic form, it shall be maintained and accessed only by the  
person who is duly authorised

by the Controller and no entry or alteration of any entry or  
rectification of any entry in the

said register shall be made by any person who is not so authorised by  
the Controller.

(3)(i) Copies of register of patent agents shall be maintained in each  
of the branch offices;

(ii) The register of patent agents shall also contain specimen  
signatures and photographs of the

persons registered as patent agents.

109. Application for registration of patent agents.—(1) Every person  
who desires to be

registered as a patent agent shall make an application in Form 22.

(2) The applicant shall furnish such other information as may be required by the Controller.

(3) A person desirous to appear in the qualifying examination under rule 110 shall make a

request to the Controller along with the fee as specified in the First Schedule.

110. Particulars of the qualifying examination for patent agents.—

(1) The qualifying

examination referred to in clause (c) (ii) of sub-section (1) of section 126 shall consist of a

written test and a viva voce examination.

(2) The qualifying examination shall consist of the following papers and marks, namely:

Paper I —Patents Act and Rules 100

Paper II—Drafting and interpretation of patent specifications and other documents 100

Viva Voce 50

(3) A candidate shall be required to secure a minimum of fifty marks in paper I and paper II and

shall be declared to have passed the examination only, if he obtains an aggregate of sixty

percent of the total marks.

111. Registration of patent agents.—After a candidate passes the qualifying examination

specified in rule 110 and after obtaining any further information which the Controller

considers necessary he shall, on receipt of the fee specified therefor in the First

Schedule, enter the candidate's name in the register of patent agents and issue to him a

certificate of registration as a patent agent.

111A. Issue of duplicate certificate of patent agents.—The Controller may issue a duplicate

certificate of registration as patent agent on a request made by the person so registered as

patent agent along with fee specified in the First Schedule and contain a statement setting out

the circumstances in which the original certificate issued under rule 111 was lost, destroyed

and cannot be produced.

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112. Details to be included in an application for the registration of a patent agent.—An

application by a person entitled to be registered as a patent agent under sub-section (2) of

section 126 shall also be made in Form 22.

113. Registration of patent agents under section 126 (2).—On receipt of an application for the

registration of a person as a patent agent under rule 112, the Controller may if he is satisfied

that the said person fulfils the conditions specified in sub-section (2) of section

126 enter his name in the register of patent agents.

114. Disqualifications for registration as a patent agent.—A person shall not be eligible to be

registered as a patent agent, if he—

(i) has been adjudged by a competent court to be of unsound mind;

(ii) is an undischarged insolvent;

(iii) being a discharged insolvent, has not obtained from the 'court a certificate to the

effect that his insolvency was caused by misfortune without any misconduct on his part;

(iv) has been convicted by a competent court, whether within or outside India of an

offence to undergo a term of imprisonment, unless the offence of which he has

been convicted has been pardoned or unless on an application made by him, the

Central Government has, by order in this behalf, removed the disability;

(v) being a legal practitioner has been guilty of professional

115. Payment of fees.—The continuance of a person's name in the register of patent agents

shall be subject to the payment of the fees specified therefor in the First Schedule.

116. Removal of a name from the register of patent agents.—(1) The Controller may delete

from the register of patent agents, the name of any patent agent—

(a) from whom a request has been received to that effect; or

(b) when he is dead; or

(c) when the Controller has removed the name of a person under subsection (1) of

section 130; or

(d) if he has defaulted in the payment of fees specified in rule 115, by more than

three months after they are due.

(2) The removal of the name of any person from the register of patent agents shall be

published and shall be, where relevant forthwith communicated to the person concerned.

117. Restoration of name of persons removed from the register of patent agents.—(1) An

application for the restoration of the name of any person removed from the register of patent

agents under sub-section (2) of section 130 shall be made in Form 23 within two months from

the date of such removal.

(2) If the name of a person is restored to the register of patent agents, his name shall be

continued therein for a period of one year from the date on which his last annual fee

became due.

misconduct; or

(vi) being a chartered accountant, has been guilty of negligence or misconduct.

(3) The restoration of a name to the register of patent agents shall be published and

communicated to the person concerned.

118. Alteration of names, etc., in the register of patent agents.—(1) A patent agent may apply

for the alteration of his name, address of the principal place of business and branch

offices, if any, or the qualifications entered in the register of patent agents. On receipt of such

application and the fee specified therefor in the First Schedule, the Controller shall cause the

necessary alterations to be made in the register of patent agents.

(2) Every alteration made in the register of patent agents shall be published.

119. Refusal to recognise as patent agent.—If the Controller is of the opinion that any person

should not be recognised as a patent agent in respect of any business under the Act as

provided in sub-section (1) of section 131 thereof, he shall communicate his reasons to that

person and direct him to show cause why he should not refuse to recognise him as such agent,

within such time as he may allow, and after considering the reply, if any, of that person and

giving him an opportunity of being heard, the Controller may pass such orders as he may deem

fit.

120. Publication of the names of patent agents, registered under the Act.— The names and

addresses of persons registered as patent agents shall from time to time be published.

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## CHAPTER XVI

### MISCELLANEOUS

121. Period within which copies of specification etc. are to be filed.— The period within which

copies of specification or corresponding documents to be filed by the applicant under subsection

(1) of section 138 shall be three months from the date of communication by the

Controller.

121A. Address of Communications.—All communications in relation to any proceeding under

the Act or these rules shall be addressed to the Controller at the appropriate office.

122. Correction of clerical errors.—A request for the correction of a clerical error in any

document referred to in section 78 shall be accompanied by a copy of the document

highlighting the corrections clearly along with the fees payable therefor as specified in the

First Schedule.

123. Manner of advertisement of the proposed correction of any error.—Where the

Controller requires a notice of the nature of the proposed correction to be advertised, the

request and the nature of the proposed correction shall be published and the person

making the request shall also serve copies of the request and the copies of the document

showing the proposed corrections to such persons who, in the opinion of the Controller, may

be interested.

124. Manner and time of opposition to the making of corrections.—

(1) Any person interested

may, at any time, within three months from the date of the advertisement of the request for

correction give notice of opposition to the Controller in Form 14 in duplicate.

(2) Such notice of opposition shall be accompanied by a statement in duplicate setting out the

nature of the opponent's interest, the facts on which he relies and the relief which he seeks.

(3) A copy of the notice and of the statement shall be sent by the Controller to the person

making the request.

(4) The procedure specified in rules 58 to 63 relating to the filing of reply statement, leaving

evidence, hearing and costs shall, so far as may be, apply to the hearing of the opposition

under section 78 as they apply in the hearing of the opposition proceeding.

125. Notification of corrections.—The Controller shall notify the person making a request for

the correction and the opponent, if any, of the corrections made in the relevant document.

126. Form, etc., of affidavits.—(1) The affidavits required by the Act or these rules to be filed

at the patent office or furnished to the Controller shall be duly sworn to in the manner as

prescribed in sub-rule (3).

(2) Affidavits shall be confined to such facts as the deponent is able, of his own knowledge, to

prove except in interlocutory matters, where statements of belief of the deponent may be

admitted, provided that the grounds thereof are given.

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(3) Affidavits shall be sworn to as follows:—

(a) in India—before any court or person having by law authority to receive

evidence, or before any officer empowered by such court as aforesaid to administer

oaths or to take affidavits;

(b) in any country or place outside India—before a diplomatic or consular officer,

within the meaning of the Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oaths and Fees) Act,

1948 (41 of 1948) in such country or place or before a notary of the country or place,

recognised by the Central Government under section 14 of the Notaries Act, 1952

(53 of 1952), or before a judge or magistrate of the country or place.

(4) Alterations and interlineations shall, before an affidavit is sworn to or affirmed be

authenticated by the initials of the person before whom the affidavit is sworn to.

127. Exhibits.—Where there are exhibits to be filed in an opposition or any other proceedings,

a copy or impression of each exhibit shall be supplied to the other party at his request and

expense; if copies or impressions of the exhibits cannot conveniently be furnished, the originals

shall be left with the Controller for inspection by the person interested by prior appointment.

The exhibits in original if not already left with the Controller shall be produced at the hearing.

128. Directions not otherwise prescribed.—(1) Where for the proper prosecution or completion

of any proceedings under the Act or these rules, the Controller is of the opinion that it is

necessary for a party to such proceedings to perform an act, file a document or produce

evidence, for which provision has not been made in the Act or these rules, he may, by notice in

writing, require such party to perform the act, file the document or produce the evidence

specified in such notice.

(2) Where an applicant or a party to a proceeding desires to be heard or not heard, the

Controller may, at any time, require him to submit his statement in writing giving such

information as the Controller may deem necessary within the time specified by him.

129. Exercise of discretionary power by the Controller.—Before exercising any discretionary

power under the Act or these rules which is likely to affect an applicant for a patent or a party

to a proceeding adversely, the Controller shall give such applicant or party, a hearing, after

giving him or them, ten days notice of such hearing ordinarily.

130. Application for review of decisions or setting aside of orders of the Controller.—(1) An

application to the Controller for the review of his decision under clause (f) of sub-section (1) of

section 77 shall be made in Form 24 within one month from the date of communication of such

decision to the applicant or within such further period not exceeding one month thereafter as

the Controller may on a request made in Form 4 allow and shall be accompanied by a

statement setting forth the grounds on which the review is sought.

Where the decision in

question concerns any other person in addition to the applicant, the Controller shall forthwith

transmit a copy of each of the application and the statement to the other person concerned.

(2) An application to the Controller for setting aside an order passed by him ex parte under

clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 77 shall be made in Form 24 within one month from the

date of communication of such order to the applicant or within such further period not

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exceeding one month as the Controller may on a request made in Form 4 allow and shall be

accompanied by a statement setting forth the grounds on which the application is based.

Where the order concerns any other person in addition to the applicant, the Controller shall,

forthwith transmit a copy each of the application and the statement to the other person

concerned.

131. Form and manner in which statements required under section 146(2) to be furnished.— (1)

The statements shall be furnished by every patentee and every licensee under sub- section (2)

of section 146 in Form 27 which shall be duly verified by the patentee or the licensee or his

authorised agent.

(2)The statements referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be furnished in respect of every calendar year

within three months of the end of each year.

(3) The Controller may publish the information received by him under subsection (1) or subsection

(2) of section 146.

132. Form of application for the issue of a duplicate patent.—An application for the issue of a

duplicate patent under section 154 shall contain a statement setting out the circumstances in

which the patent was lost or destroyed or cannot be produced together with the fee as

specified therefor in the First Schedule.

133. Supply of certified copies and certificates under sections 72 and 147.— Certified copies of

any entry in the register, or certificates of, or extracts from patents, specifications and other

public documents in the patent office, or from registers and other records including records in

computer floppies, diskettes or any other electronic form kept there, may be furnished by the

Controller on a request therefor made to him and on payment of the fee specified therefor in

the First Schedule.

134. Request for information under section 153.—(1) A request for information in respect of

the following matters relating to any patent or application for patent shall be admissible,

namely:—

(a) as to when a complete specification following a provisional specification has been

filed or an application for patent has been deemed to have been abandoned;

(aa) as to when the information under section 8 has been filed.

(b) as to when publication of application has been made under section 11A;

(c) as to when an application has been withdrawn under section 11B;

(d) as to when a request for examination has been made under section 11B;

(e) as to when the examination report has been issued under section 12;

(f) as to when an application for patent has been refused;

(g) as to when a patent has been granted;

(h) as to when a renewal fee has been paid;

(i) as to when the term of a patent has expired or shall expire;

(j) as to when an entry has been made in the register or application has been made for

the making of such entry; or

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(k)as to when any application is made or action taken involving an entry in the

register, publication in the Official Journal or otherwise, if the nature of the application

or action is specified in the request.

(2)Separate request shall be made in respect of each item of information required.

(3)The fee payable on a request to be made under section 153 shall be as set out in the First

Schedule.

135. Agency.—(1) The authorisation of an agent for the purposes of the Act and these rules

shall be in Form 26 or in the form of a power of attorney.

(2) Where any authorisation has been made under sub-rule (1), service upon the agent of any

document relating to any proceeding or matter under the Act or these rules shall be deemed to

be service upon the person so authorising him and all communications directed to be made to

a person in respect of any proceeding or matter may be addressed to such agent, and all

appearances before the Controller relating thereto may be made by or through such agent.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1) and (2), the Controller may, if it is

considered necessary, require the personal signature or presence of an applicant, opponent or

party to such proceeding or matter.

136. Scale of costs.—(1) In all proceedings before the Controller, he may, subject to rule 63,

award costs as he considers reasonable, having regard to all the circumstances of the case:

Provided that the amount of costs awarded in respect of any matter set forth in the

Fourth Schedule shall not exceed the amount specified therein.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), the Controller may, in his discretion

award a compensatory cost in any proceeding before him which in his opinion is false or

vexatious.

137. Powers of Controller generally.—Any document for the amendment of which no special

provision is made in the Act may be amended and any irregularity in procedure which in the

opinion of the Controller may be obviated without detriment to the interests of any person,

may be corrected if the Controller thinks fit and upon such terms as he may direct.

138. Power to extend time prescribed.—(1) Save as otherwise provided in the Chapter III of these

rules, rule 24B, sub-rule (4) of rule 55 and sub-rule (1A) of rule 80, the time prescribed by these

rules for doing of any act or the taking of any proceeding thereunder may be extended by

the Controller for a period of one month, if he thinks it fit to do so and upon such terms as he

may direct.

(2) Any request for extension of time made under these rules shall be made before the expiry

of prescribed period.

139. Hearing before the Controller to be in public in certain cases.— Where the hearing before the

Controller of any dispute between two or more parties relating to an application for a patent or to any

matter in connection with a patent takes place after the date of the publication of the complete

specification, the hearing of the dispute shall be in public unless the Controller, after consultation with

the parties to the dispute who appear in person or are represented at the hearing, otherwise directs.