



# Patents Act 1977

## 1977 CHAPTER 37

### PART III

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### *Administrative provisions*

#### **120 Hours of business and excluded days.**

- (1) [<sup>F1</sup> The comptroller may give directions specifying ] the hour at which the Patent Office shall be taken to be closed on any day for purposes of the transaction by the public of business under this Act or of any class of such business, [<sup>F2</sup> and the directions may specify ] days as excluded days for any such purposes.
- (2) Any business done under this Act on any day after the hour so specified in relation to business of that class, or on a day which is an excluded day in relation to business of that class, shall be taken to have been done on the next following day not being an excluded day; and where the time for doing anything under this Act expires on an excluded day that time shall be extended to the next following day not being an excluded day.

[<sup>F3</sup>(3) Directions under this section shall be published in the prescribed manner.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 120(1) substituted (22.9.2004) by [Patents Act 2004 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 17(1), [Sch. 2 para. 24\(2\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2004/2177](#), art. 2 (with arts. 6, 8)
- F2** Words in s. 120(1) substituted (22.9.2004) by [Patents Act 2004 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 17(1), [Sch. 2 para. 24\(2\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2004/2177](#), art. 2 (with arts. 6, 8)
- F3** S. 120(3) inserted (22.9.2004) by [Patents Act 2004 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 17(1), [Sch. 2 para. 24\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2004/2177](#), art. 2 (with arts. 6, 8)

**Changes to legislation:**

Patents Act 1977, Section 120 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 February 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 56(4)(a)(iiia) and word added by [S.I. 2006/1056 Sch. para. 2\(b\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the day on which 2005 asp 13, s. 20 comes into force, see art. 1(2)(b))
- s. 63(3)(a) words in s. 63(3) renumbered as s. 63(3)(a) by [2004 c. 16 s. 2\(4\)](#) (Amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 2(4) was repealed (29.4.2006) by S.I. 2006/1028, art. 2(4), Sch. 4)
- s. 63(3)(b) and word inserted by [2004 c. 16 s. 2\(4\)](#) (Amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 2(4) was repealed (29.4.2006) by S.I. 2006/1028, art. 2(4), Sch. 4)