



Patents Act 1949

1949 CHAPTER 87

Application, investigation, opposition, etc.

10 Refusal of application in certain cases

- (1) If it appears to the comptroller in the case of any application for a patent—
 - (a) that it is frivolous on the ground that it claims as an invention anything obviously contrary to well-established natural laws; or
 - (b) that the use of the invention in respect of which the application is made would be contrary to law or morality; or
 - (c) that it claims as an invention a substance capable of being used as food or medicine which is a mixture of known ingredients possessing only the aggregate of the known properties of the ingredients, or that it claims as an invention a process producing such a substance by mere admixture,he may refuse the application.
- (2) If it appears to the comptroller that any invention in respect of which an application for a patent is made might be used in any manner contrary to law, he may refuse the application unless the specification is amended by the insertion of such disclaimer in respect of that use of the invention, or such other reference to the illegality thereof, as the comptroller thinks fit.
- (3) An appeal shall lie from any decision of the comptroller under this section.