
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PATENTS

The Patents (Amendment No. 3) Rules 1975

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>23rd June 1975</i>
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>24th June 1975</i>

The Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred by section 94 of the Patents Act 1949 and now vested in him⁽¹⁾, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Patents (Amendment No. 3) Rules 1975 and shall come into operation on 24th June 1975.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The following new Rule shall be added to the Patents Rules 1968⁽²⁾, as amended⁽³⁾:—

“**158.** Notwithstanding the provision for inspection in Rules 38 and 146, the Comptroller may at any time after three months from the date of publication of the complete specification or other document refuse further inspection of any application, specification, drawing or other document in respect of which the Secretary of State has certified that further inspection thereof could in his opinion be prejudicial to the safety of the public;

provided that no such certificate shall be valid for a period in excess of twelve months unless renewed by the Secretary of State.”

Stanley Clinton Davis
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for
Companies, Aviation and Shipping
Department of Trade

23rd June 1975

(1) S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).

(2) (1968 II, p. 3958).

(3) The amendments are not relevant to the subject matter of this instrument.

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