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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 2357**

**The Regulatory Reform (Patents) Order 2004**

**Amendment of the Patents Act 1977**

- 4.—(1) Section 14 of that Act (making of application) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) Subsection (1)(b) and the word “and” immediately preceding it shall cease to have effect.
- (3) After subsection (1) there shall be inserted—
- “(1A) Where an application for a patent is made, the fee prescribed for the purposes of this subsection (“the application fee”) shall be paid not later than the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of section 15(10)(c) below.”.
- (4) After subsection (9) there shall be inserted—
- “(10) Subsection (9) above does not affect the power of the comptroller under section 117(1) below to correct an error or mistake in a withdrawal of an application for a patent.”.