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PART 9

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Address for service

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103.—(1) For the purposes of any proceeding under the Act or these Rules, an address for service must be furnished by—

- (a) an applicant for the grant of a patent;
- (b) a person who makes any other application, reference or request or gives any notice of opposition under the Act; and
- (c) any person opposing such an application, reference, request or notice.

(2) The proprietor of a patent, or any person who has registered any right in or under a patent or application, may furnish an address for service by notifying the comptroller.

(3) Where a person has furnished an address for service under paragraph (1) or (2), he may substitute a new address for service by notifying the comptroller.

(4) An address for service furnished under paragraph (1)(a) or (2) must be an address in the United Kingdom, another EEA State or the Channel Islands.

(5) An address for service furnished under paragraph (1)(b) or (c) must be an address in the United Kingdom, unless in a particular case the comptroller otherwise directs.

Failure to furnish an address for service

104.—(1) Where—

- (a) a person has failed to furnish an address for service under rule [103\(1\)](#); and
- (b) the comptroller has sufficient information enabling him to contact that person,

the comptroller shall direct that person to furnish an address for service.

(2) Where a direction has been given under paragraph (1), the person directed shall, before the end of the period of two months beginning with the date of the direction, furnish an address for service.

(3) Paragraph (4) applies where—

- (a) a direction was given under paragraph (1) and the period prescribed by paragraph (2) has expired; or
- (b) the comptroller had insufficient information to give a direction under paragraph (1),

and the person has failed to furnish an address for service.

(4) Where this paragraph applies—

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- (a) in the case of an applicant for the grant of a patent, the application shall be treated as withdrawn;
 - (b) in the case of a person mentioned in rule 103(1)(b), his application, reference, request or notice of opposition shall be treated as withdrawn; and
 - (c) in the case of a person mentioned in rule 103(1)(c), he shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the proceedings.
- (5) In this rule an “address for service” means an address which complies with the requirements of rule 103(4) or (5).