
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the Trade Marks Rules 2008 ([S.I. 2008/1797](#)) (as amended) (“the Trade Marks Rules”) and the Registered Designs Rules 2006 ([S.I. 2006/1975](#)) (as amended) (“the Design rules”).

Rules 2 to 4 and Rule 7 amend various time periods prescribed in the Trade Marks Rules and the Design Rules so that when computing a period of time by reference to a relevant event, the date on which the relevant event occurred is not included.

Rule 6 corrects a defect in the drafting of rule 23(2)(a) of the Design rules. Rule 23 empowers the registrar to require a person to give security for the costs of any application or appeal if one or more specified conditions applies. The condition in rule 23(2)(a) is amended so that it applies where a person is resident outside the UK but is not resident in either a Brussels Contracting State, a Lugano Contracting State or a Regulation State.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the Intellectual Property Office, Trade Marks Law Section, Concept House, Newport, South Wales, NP10 8QQ and is published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside the instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.