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PART 6

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Beginning the national phase, international exhibitions and altered prescribed periods

Altered prescribed periods

68.—(1) This rule applies to an international application for a patent (UK) which has begun the national phase of the application.

- (2) The period prescribed for the purposes of section 13(2) is—
 - (a) the period prescribed by rule 10(3); or
 - (b) if it expires later, the period of two months beginning with the date on which the national phase begins.
- (3) The period prescribed for the purposes of sections 15(10)(c) and (d) and 17(1) is—
 - (a) the period prescribed by rule 22(2) and (7); or
 - (b) if it expires later, the period of two months beginning with the date on which the national phase begins.
- (4) The period prescribed for the purposes of section 18(1) is—
 - (a) thirty three months beginning with—
 - (i) where there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of the application; or
 - (ii) where there is a declared priority date, that date; or
 - (b) if it expires later, the period of two months beginning with the date on which the national phase begins.