



Patents Act 1977

1977 CHAPTER 37

An Act to establish a new law of patents applicable to future patents and applications for patents; to amend the law of patents applicable to existing patents and applications for patents; to give effect to certain international conventions on patents; and for connected purposes. [29th July 1977]

Extent Information

- E1** This Act does not extend to the Channel Islands or the Colonies for extent provision see s. 132(2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act extended (with modifications) (2.1.1993) by [S.I. 1992/3091, reg.5](#)
Act extended (8.2.1997) by [S.I. 1996/3120, reg. 5](#)
Act applied (8.2.1997) by [S.I. 1997/64, rule 9](#)
Act extended (1.3.2002) by [The Patents and Plant Variety Rights \(Compulsory Licensing\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/247\), reg. 26\(1\)](#) (subject to [reg. 26\(2\)\(3\)](#))
- C2** Act modified (10.6.2003) by [Patents Act 1977 \(Isle of Man\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1249\)](#), arts. 2, 3, [Sch.](#)
- C3** Act modified (Isle of Man) (11.11.2013) by [The Patents \(Isle of Man\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2602\)](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#) (as amended (1.6.2016) by [The Patents \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/559\)](#), [Sch.](#) and as further amended (15.2.2017) by [The Patents \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/162\)](#), arts. 1(2), 2, [Sch.](#) (with art. 3) and as further amended (31.12.2020) by [The Patents \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Order 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1327\)](#), [art. 2](#); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5](#) para. 1(1))

Changes to legislation:

Patents Act 1977, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 January 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 56(4)(a)(iiia) and word added by [S.I. 2006/1056 Sch. para. 2\(b\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the day on which 2005 asp 13, s. 20 comes into force, see art. 1(2)(b))
- s. 63(3)(a) words in s. 63(3) renumbered as s. 63(3)(a) by [2004 c. 16 s. 2\(4\)](#) (Amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 2(4) was repealed (29.4.2006) by S.I. 2006/1028, art. 2(4), Sch. 4)
- s. 63(3)(b) and word inserted by [2004 c. 16 s. 2\(4\)](#) (Amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 2(4) was repealed (29.4.2006) by S.I. 2006/1028, art. 2(4), Sch. 4)