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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE A3

#### EUROPEAN PATENT WITH UNITARY EFFECT

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##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Schs. A3, A4 inserted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)) by [The Patents \(European Patent with Unitary Effect and Unified Patent Court\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/388\)](#), arts. 1(2), **2(10)** (with art. 3)

##### *Interpretation*

5. In this Schedule—
- (a) “Contracting Member State” has the same meaning as in Article 2(c) of the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court; and
  - (b) the following expressions have the same meanings as in Article 2 of the Unitary Patent Regulation—
    - Participating Member State;
    - Register for unitary patent protection.]

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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 S. 2(4) was repealed (29.4.2006) by S.I. 2006/1028, art. 2(4), Sch. 4)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 S. 2(4) was repealed (29.4.2006) by S.I. 2006/1028, art. 2(4), Sch. 4)