



Patents Act 1977

1977 CHAPTER 37

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Administrative provisions

[^{F1}117B Extension of time limits specified by comptroller

- (1) Subsection (2) below applies in relation to a period if it is specified by the comptroller in connection with an application for a patent, or a patent.
- (2) Subject to subsections (4) and (5) below, the comptroller shall extend a period to which this subsection applies if—
 - (a) the applicant or the proprietor of the patent requests him to do so; and
 - (b) the request complies with the relevant requirements of rules.
- (3) An extension of a period under subsection (2) above expires—
 - (a) at the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection, or
 - (b) if sooner, at the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of section 20 above.
- (4) If a period has already been extended under subsection (2) above—
 - (a) that subsection does not apply in relation to it again;
 - (b) the comptroller may further extend the period subject to such conditions as he thinks fit.
- (5) Subsection (2) above does not apply to a period specified in relation to proceedings before the comptroller.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 117A, 117B inserted (1.1.2005) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Patents\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/2357\)](#), arts. 1(2), **18** (with arts. 20-23)

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 S. 2(4) was repealed (29.4.2006) by S.I. 2006/1028, art. 2(4), Sch. 4)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 S. 2(4) was repealed (29.4.2006) by S.I. 2006/1028, art. 2(4), Sch. 4)