



Patents Act 1977

1977 CHAPTER 37

PART I

NEW DOMESTIC LAW

Property in patents and applications, and registration

31 Nature of, and transactions in, patents and applications for patents in Scotland

- (1) Section 30 above shall not extend to Scotland, but instead the following provisions of this section shall apply there.
- (2) Any patent or application for a patent, and any right in or under any patent or any such application, is incorporeal moveable property, and the provisions of the following subsections and of section 36(3) below shall apply to any grant of licences, assignments and securities in relation to such property.
- (3) Any patent or any such application, or any right in it, may be assigned and security may be granted over a patent or any such application or right.
- (4) A licence may be granted, under any patent or any application for a patent, for working the invention which is the subject of the patent or the application.
- (5) To the extent that any licence granted under subsection (4) above so provides, a sub-licence may be granted under any such licence and any such licence or sub-licence may be assigned and security may be granted over it.
- (6) Any assignment or grant of security under this section may be carried out only by writing probative or holograph of the parties to the transaction.
- (7) An assignment of a patent or application for a patent or a share in it, and an exclusive licence granted under any patent or any such application, may confer on the assignee or licensee the right of the assignor or licensor to bring proceedings by virtue of section 61 or 69 below for a previous infringement or to bring proceedings under section 58 below for a previous act.