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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Patents Rules 1995**

*EXAMINATION AND SEARCH*

**Address for service**

**30.**—(1) There shall be furnished to the comptroller—

- (a) by every applicant for the grant of a patent, an address for service in the United Kingdom for the purpose of his application, and
- (b) notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (2) to (4) below, by every person (including the applicant for, or the proprietor of, a patent, as the case may be) concerned in any proceedings to which any of these Rules relate, an address for service in the United Kingdom,

and the address so furnished or, where another address (being an address in the United Kingdom) has been furnished in place thereof, that address shall be treated for the purposes of that application or those proceedings, as appropriate, as the address of that applicant or, as the case may be, of that person.

(2) Upon grant of an application for a patent (not being an application for a European patent (UK)), the applicant's address for service as shown in the register shall be treated as the address for service of the proprietor of the patent unless an alternative address is furnished.

(3) As from publication of the mention of the grant of every European patent (UK) in the European Patent Bulletin, the address for service of the proprietor shall be the address for service notified to the comptroller by or on behalf of the proprietor, whether before or after the said mention of the grant, and in the absence of any such notification the proprietor's address on the register shall be treated as the address for service.

(4) An address for service for an applicant for, or a proprietor of, a patent may be withdrawn by the applicant or the proprietor or the person providing the address for service, as the case may be, by notice to the comptroller; and upon such notification the comptroller may treat the address of the applicant or the proprietor previously notified to him, or the address shown in the register, as the address for service until such time as an alternative address is furnished.