
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Patents Regulations 2000

Amendment of the Patents Act 1977

3. In section 1 (patentable inventions), for subsections (3) and (4) substitute—

“(3) A patent shall not be granted for an invention the commercial exploitation of which would be contrary to public policy or morality.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3) above exploitation shall not be regarded as contrary to public policy or morality only because it is prohibited by any law in force in the United Kingdom or any part of it.”.