
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Patents, Trade Marks and Designs (Address
For Service and Time Limits, etc) Rules 2006**

Amendment of the Registered Designs Rules 1995

14. For rule 76 there shall be substituted—

“Interrupted Days

76.—(1) The registrar may certify any day as an interrupted day where—

- (a) there is an event or circumstance causing an interruption in the normal operation of the Patent Office; or
- (b) there is a general interruption or subsequent dislocation in the postal services of the United Kingdom.

(2) Any certificate of the registrar made under paragraph (1) shall be posted in the Patent Office and advertised in the Journal.

(3) The registrar shall, where the time for doing anything under these Rules expires on an interrupted day, extend that time to the next following day not being an interrupted day (or an excluded day).

(4) In this rule—

“interrupted day” means a day which has been certified as such under paragraph (1);
and

“excluded day” means a day specified as such by rule 75.

Delays in communication services

76A.—(1) The registrar shall extend any time or period in these Rules where he is satisfied that the failure to do something under these Rules was wholly or mainly attributed to a delay in, or failure of, a communication service.

(2) Any extension under paragraph (1) shall be—

- (a) made after giving the parties such notice, and
- (b) subject to such conditions,

as the registrar may direct.

(3) In this rule “communication service” means a service by which documents may be sent and delivered and includes post, facsimile, email and courier.”.