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PART 2

APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS

Form and content of applications

Single inventive concept

16.—(1) For the purposes of the Act, two or more inventions shall be treated as being so linked as to form a single inventive concept where there exists between those inventions a technical relationship which involves one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features.

(2) In paragraph (1) “special technical features” means those technical features which define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art.