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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Patents Rules 2007**

**PART 6**

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS**

*Beginning the national phase, international exhibitions and altered prescribed periods*

**Altered prescribed periods**

**68.**—(1) This rule applies to an international application for a patent (UK) which has begun the national phase of the application.

- (2) The period prescribed for the purposes of section 13(2) is—
  - (a) the period prescribed by rule 10(3); or
  - (b) if it expires later, the period of two months beginning with the date on which the national phase begins.
- (3) The period prescribed for the purposes of sections 15(10)(c) and (d) and 17(1) is—
  - (a) the period prescribed by rule 22(2) and (7); or
  - (b) if it expires later, the period of two months beginning with the date on which the national phase begins.
- (4) The period prescribed for the purposes of section 18(1) is—
  - (a) thirty three months beginning with—
    - (i) where there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of the application; or
    - (ii) where there is a declared priority date, that date; or
  - (b) if it expires later, the period of two months beginning with the date on which the national phase begins.