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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 3291**

**The Patents Rules 2007**

**PART 7**

**PROCEEDINGS HEARD BEFORE THE COMPTROLLER**

*Conduct of hearings*

**Evidence rounds and the hearing**

**80.**—(1) When the defendant files a counter-statement, the comptroller must as soon as practicable—

- (a) send the counter-statement to the claimant; and
- (b) specify the periods within which evidence may be filed by the claimant and the defendant.

(2) The comptroller may, at any time he thinks fit, give leave to either party to file evidence upon such terms as he thinks fit.

(3) Under this rule, evidence shall only be considered to be filed when—

- (a) it has been received by the comptroller; and
- (b) it has been sent to all the other parties to the proceedings.

(4) The comptroller must then give the parties an opportunity to be heard.

(5) If any party requests to be heard, the comptroller must send to the parties notice of a date for the hearing.

(6) When the comptroller has decided the matter he must notify all the parties of his decision, including his reasons for making the decision.