
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Patents Rules 2007

PART 2

APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS

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10.—(1) An inventor or joint inventor of an invention, if not mentioned in any published application for a patent, or in any patent granted, for the invention, must be mentioned in an addendum or an erratum to the application or patent.

(2) A person who alleges that any person ought to have been mentioned as the inventor or joint inventor of an invention may apply to the comptroller for that person to be so mentioned—

(a) in any patent granted for the invention; and

(b) if possible in any published application for a patent for the invention,

and, if not so mentioned, in the manner prescribed by paragraph (1).

(3) Subject to rules 21, 58(4), 59(3) and 68(2), the period prescribed for the purposes of section 13(2) is sixteen months beginning with—

(a) where there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of the application; or

(b) where there is a declared priority date, that date.

(4) A statement filed under section 13(2) must be made on Patents Form 7.

Waiving the right to be mentioned

11.—(1) The inventor may, before preparations for the application's publication have been completed by the Patent Office, apply to the comptroller in writing to waive his right—

(a) to have his name and address mentioned as those of the inventor; or

(b) to have his address mentioned as that of the inventor.

(2) An application by an inventor under paragraph (1)(a) must—

(a) include his reasons for making the application; and

(b) be accepted by the comptroller where the comptroller is satisfied by those reasons.

(3) An application by an inventor under paragraph (1)(b) must be accepted by the comptroller.

(4) Where the comptroller has accepted an inventor's application to make a waiver under this rule, the inventor may apply to the comptroller to end that waiver.

(5) The comptroller may, if he thinks fit, accept an application to end a waiver, and his acceptance may be made subject to such conditions as he may direct.

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(6) An application under paragraph (1)(a) or (b) or under paragraph (4) may also be made by a person who is not the inventor, but who has been identified as such for the purposes of section 13(2).

(7) Where a person makes an application in reliance on paragraph (6), the reference in this rule to an application to waive his right to have his name and address (or his address) mentioned shall be construed as a reference to an application not to have his name and address (or his address) mentioned; and paragraphs (4) and (5) shall be construed accordingly.