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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Patents Rules 2007**

**PART 2**

**APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS**

*Periods for filing contents of application*

**Periods prescribed for the purposes of sections 15(10) and 17(1)**

**22.**—(1) The period prescribed for the purposes of section 15(10)(a) and (b)(i) is the relevant period.

(2) Subject to rules 58(4), 59(3) and 68(3), the period prescribed for the purposes of section 15(10)(c) and (d) and section 17(1) is the relevant period.

(3) The period prescribed for the purpose of section 15(10)(b)(ii) is four months beginning with the date of filing of the application.

(4) But paragraphs (1) to (3) do not apply to a new application.

(5) In relation to a new application—

(a) the period prescribed for the purposes of section 15(10)(a), (b)(i), (c) and (d) and section 17(1) is—

(i) two months beginning with its initiation date, or

(ii) if it expires later, the relevant period; and

(b) the period prescribed for the purposes of section 15(10)(b)(ii) is—

(i) two months beginning with its initiation date, or

(ii) if it expires later, the period of four months beginning with the date of filing of the earlier application,

and the reference in paragraph (7) to the date of filing of the application is a reference to the date of filing of the earlier application.

(6) But where the new application is filed less than six months before the compliance date, the period prescribed for the purposes of section 15(10)(a) to (d) and section 17(1) is the period ending with its initiation date.

(7) For the purposes of this rule the relevant period is—

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

(b) where there is a declared priority date—

(i) twelve months beginning with the declared priority date, or

(ii) if it expires later, the period of two months beginning with the date of filing of the application.