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DESIGNS

The Registered Designs (Amendment) Rules 2014

Made - - - - *6th September 2014*

Laid before Parliament *9th September 2014*

Coming into force - - *1st October 2014*

The Secretary of State makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by section 36 of the Registered Designs Act 1949(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Registered Designs (Amendment) Rules 2014 and come into force on 1st October 2014.

Amendment to the Registered Designs Rules 2006

2. The Registered Designs Rules 2006(b) are amended as follows.

3. After rule 2 insert—

“2A Directions of the registrar

Any directions given by the registrar under sections 31A or 39 must be published on such website as the registrar considers to be likely to bring them to the attention of those persons likely to be affected by them.”.

6th September 2014

Baroness Neville-Rolfe
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills
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(a) 1949 c.88; section 36 was amended by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c.48), Schedule 3, paragraph 26, S.I. 2001/3949, Schedule 1, paragraph 11 and the Intellectual Property Act 2014 (c.18), section 12(3).
(b) S.I. 2006/1975 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Rules.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the Registered Designs Rules 2006 (S.I. 2006/1975) to provide that any directions which the registrar may issue requiring the use of forms under section 31A of the Registered Designs Act 1949 or specifying the hours of business of the Intellectual Property Office and excluded days under section 39 of that Act must be published on such website as the registrar considers to be likely to bring them to the attention of those persons likely to be affected by those directions.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has a negligible effect on business.

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