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CONTRACTING OUT

The Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Applications for Patents) Order 2002

Made - - - -	*2002*
Coming into force - -	*2002*

Whereas the Secretary of State pursuant to section 69(3) of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994(**1**) has consulted the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks,

And whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament pursuant to section 77(2) of that Act,

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on her by sections 69(**2**), 77(1)(b) and 79(5) of that Act hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Applications for Patents) Order 2002.

(2) This Order shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(3) This Order extends to England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

(a) "the comptroller" means the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks;

(b) "the Patents Act" means the Patents Act 1977(**3**); and

(c) "the Patents Rules" means the Patents Rules 1995(**4**).

(**1**) 1994 c. 40.
(**2**) See section 79(1) for the definitions of "Minister" and "office-holder".
(**3**) 1977 c. 37.
(**4**) S.I. 1995/2093, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.