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Patents Act 1977

Trade Marks Act 1994

Registered Designs Act 1949

Pursuant to rule 111(1) of the Patents Rules 1995, rule 67(1) of the Trade Marks Rules 2000 and rule 76(1) of the Registered Designs Rules 1995, I hereby certify that there is an event or circumstances causing an interruption in the normal operation of the Office from (and including) 7 July 2005 until further notice.

Roger Walker
Divisional Director
Patents Directorate

The following notice was issued on 8 July 2005 on behalf of the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks:

Pursuant to the certificate issued on 7 July 2005, I hereby give notice that the normal operation of the Office will resume from midnight at the end of 8 July 2005.

Sean Dennehey
Director of Patents

Explanatory Note

The interruption to normal operation lasts for the whole of 7 and 8 July 2005. Normal operation therefore restarts at 00:01 on Saturday 9 July 2005. This means that a time period specified in any relevant Acts or Rules, which expires on 7 or 8 July, is extended until Monday 11 July (since Saturday is, for all relevant purposes, an excluded day).

This does not mean that anything filed on Monday 11 July is automatically treated as having been filed on 7 or 8 July. For example, a UK patent application filed on Monday will not be deemed to have a filing date of 7 or 8 July. Similarly, the extension of time periods does not apply to patent applications filed with the Office under the Patent Co-operation Treaty or the European Patent Convention. Nor does it apply to community or international trade mark applications filed with the Office.

Despite the interruption to the normal operation of the London office, the Office remains open for business with no disruption either to Concept House or to our electronic platforms for customers who are registered. Similarly our electronic webform for Trade Mark applications is still available. Our fax filing facility also remains available (+44 (0)1633 814444).