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Title: Compulsory licences

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Information request:

The dates of the last five applications made under s 48 of the Patents Act 1977 for a compulsory licence (or the number applied for since 2000, if fewer than five have been made since that time). Further, whether any such licences were granted pursuant to those applications and, if so, whether under s 48A or s 48B of the 1977 Act.

Information released:

We can access records from 2002 to date and throughout this period we have received four filings, two of which were withdrawn with the remaining two applications resulting in one decision.

<i>Applications for compulsory licence under section 48 of the Patents Act 1977</i>		
<i>Filing date & sub section</i>	<i>Patent Number(s)</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
04.06.2003 Section 48A	GB2154314 & GB2153989	Decision BL/170/04 – Application refused https://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-challenge-decision-results/p-challenge-decision-results-bl?BL_Number=O/170/04
04.12.2007 Section 48A	GB2387301	Application withdrawn on 13.06.2008
03.05.2013 Section 48A	GB2407782	Application withdrawn on 23.04.2014