



Patents Form 17

Patents Act 1977 (Rule 93)

Request for opinion as to validity or infringement
(See the notes on the back of this form)

1. Your reference.			
2. Number of patent on which an opinion is sought.			
3. Your full name, address and postcode.			
Patents ADP number. (if you know it).			
4. Full name of the or of each patent proprietor (see note (d))			
5. Are you requesting: (see note (e))			
an opinion in relation to infringement (section 74A(1)(a)).	<input type="checkbox"/>		
an opinion in relation to validity (section 74A(1)(b)).	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6. Relevant information concerning related proceedings and interested parties (see note (f)).			
7. Name of your agent (if you have one):			
Address for Service in the United Kingdom, Gibraltar or the Channel Islands to which all correspondence should be sent: (see note (g)) (including the postcode).			
Patents ADP number. (if you know it).			
8. Signature This can be typed or handwritten	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
9. Name, email address, telephone and/or mobile number, if any, of a contact point for the applicant.			

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Notes

- a) If you need help to fill in this form or you have any questions, please contact the Office on 0300 300 2000.
- b) Write your answers in capital letters using black ink or you may type them.
- c) If there is not enough space for all the relevant details on any part of this form, please continue on a separate sheet of paper and write "see continuation sheet" in the relevant part(s) of the form. Any continuation sheets should be attached to this form.
- d) If you are the sole proprietor of the patent to which this request relates, you should leave section 4 blank. If you own the patent jointly with others, you should identify your co-proprietors in section 4. If you are not the proprietor of the patent to which this request relates, you should identify the proprietor or proprietors in section 4.
- e) You may request either an opinion under section 74A(1)(a) in relation to patent infringement or under section 74A(1)(b) in relation to patent validity. An opinion relating to validity may consider only issues of novelty or inventive step.
- f) You should use section 6 to identify any relevant proceedings which relate to the patent in the UK or at the European Patent Office - either under way or completed - of which you are aware. You should also disclose the name and address of any person, of whom you are aware, having an interest in the question upon which an opinion is sought. You do not need to name people with no more than a marginal interest in the issue. If the request concerns an opinion on infringement, you should if possible give the name and address of the alleged primary infringer (eg, the manufacturer or importer of the product in question). Having done so, it may not be necessary to identify alleged secondary infringers (such as retailers who are merely selling the product in question).
- g) Although you may have an address for service in the Channel Islands or Gibraltar, any agent you appoint to act for you must reside or have a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the European Economic Area.
- h) You must file this form in duplicate.
- i) You must file two copies of a statement at the same time as you file the form. You must also provide two copies of any evidence or other document which is referred to in the statement. A translation into English should be provided of any document not in English or Welsh.
- j) Once you have filled in the form remember to sign and date it.
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