

Patents (Patent Agents) (Amendment) Rules 2007

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PATENTS (PATENT AGENTS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2007

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 104 and 115A of the Patents Act, the Minister for Law hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Patents (Patent Agents) (Amendment) Rules 2007 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2007.

Deletion and substitution of rule 4

2. Rule 4 of the Patents (Patent Agents) Rules 2001 (G.N. No. S 645/2001) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Forms

4.—(1) The Registrar shall publish in the journal —

- (a) the forms to be used for any purpose relating to —
 - (i) the registration of a patent agent;
 - (ii) any proceedings under Part XIX of the Act or these Rules;
or
 - (iii) any other matter under Part XIX of the Act or these Rules;
- (b) the Registrar's directions relating to the use of any form referred to in sub-paragraph (a); and
- (c) any amendment or modification of any such form or direction.

(2) Any form referred to in paragraph (1)(a) may be modified on the direction of the Registrar for use in a case other than the case for which it is intended.

(3) Any reference in these Rules to any form shall be construed as a reference to the current version of that form which is —

- (a) described in the Second Schedule; and
- (b) published in the journal.”.

Amendment of rule 9

3. Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a registered patent agent —

(a) if —

- (i) his employer does not carry on a business, practise or act as a patent agent; and
- (ii) he intends to carry out patent agency work for his employer, and for no other person, in his capacity as employee of his employer, and in no other capacity, during the practice year; or

(b) if —

- (i) his employer is a member of a related company group;