



# THE PATENTS REGULATIONS 1954, AMENDMENT NO. 3

DENIS BLUNDELL, Governor-General

## ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 24th day of March 1975

Present:

The Hon. R. J. Tizard presiding in Council

Pursuant to the Patents Act 1953, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

## REGULATIONS

### 1. Title and commencement—

(1) These regulations may be cited as the Patents Regulations 1954, Amendment No. 3, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Patents Regulations 1954\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

### 2. Form and size of documents—

The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 10, and substituting the following regulation:

“10. All documents and copies of documents (except drawings) filed at the Patent Office shall, unless the Commissioner otherwise directs, be typewritten, lithographed, or printed, in the English language—

“(a) On strong white paper of approximately A4 international size;  
and

“(b) In legible characters with a permanent deep black ink; and

“(c) With a space of approximately 0.6 cm between each line; and

“(d) Except in the case of statutory declarations and affidavits, on one side only; and

“(e) With a margin of at least 2.5 cm on the left-hand side; and

“(f) In the case of provisional and complete specifications, leaving a space of approximately 13 cm blank at the top of the form.”

### 3. Drawing paper—

Regulation 30 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting from subclause (1) the expression “100 sheets to the inch”, and substituting the expression “40 sheets to the centimetre”.

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\* S.R. 1954/211  
Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1966/203  
Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1972/259

**4. Size of sheets—**

Regulation 31 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (1), and substituting the following subclause:

“(1) Drawings shall be oil sheets of approximately A4 international size, and a clear margin of at least 1.5 cm shall be left at the edges of the sheet.”

**5. Preparation of drawings—**

Regulation 32 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (i) the words “one-eighth of an inch”, and substituting the expression “0.3 cm”.

**6. Descriptive matter—**

Regulation 34 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting from subclause (3) the words “one-quarter of an inch”, and substituting the expression “0.4 cm”.

**7. Further metric conversions—**

The Second Schedule to the principal regulations is hereby amended—

- (a) By omitting from Patents Form No. 4 the expression “1½ in.” in the instructional notes, and substituting the expression “2.5 cm”:
- (b) By omitting from Patents Form No. 5 the expression “1½ in.” in the instructional notes, and substituting the expression “2.5 cm”:
- (c) By omitting from Patents Form Nos. 22, 62, 63, 64, 65, and 66 respectively, the word “foolscap”, in every place where it occurs in the instructional notes in those forms, and substituting in every case the expression “A4 international standard size”.

P. G. MILLEN,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

The effect of these regulations is to convert measurements in the Patents Regulations 1954 to metric measurements.

In the course of the conversion, the measurements relating to margins on documents, and the height of the lettering of descriptive matter on drawings, have been altered. All other conversions are to the metric equivalents of present measurements.

The regulations also require A4 international size paper to be used instead of foolscap paper in documents filed in the Patent Office.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Justice.