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The Patents (Amendment) Rules, 1959

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The Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by section 94 of the Patents Act, 1949(a), and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Rules :—

1. The Patents Rules, 1958(b), shall have effect subject to the following amendments, that is to say :—

(1) Rule 123 shall be omitted.

(2) After Rule 155 there shall be inserted the following Rule :—

"155A. Where the hearing before the Comptroller of any dispute between two or more parties relating to any matter in connection with a patent or an application for a patent takes place after the date of the publication of the complete specification, the hearing of the dispute shall be in public unless the Comptroller, after consultation with those parties to the dispute who are represented at the hearing, otherwise directs.".

2.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Patents (Amendment) Rules, 1959, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1959.

(2) These Rules and the Patents Rules, 1958, may be cited together as the Patents Rules, 1958 and 1959.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1959.

John Rodgers,
Parliamentary Secretary
to the Board of Trade.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Rules amend the Patents Rules, 1958.

They allow the public to be admitted to the hearing before the Comptroller General of Patents of disputes relating to certain patent matters, but leave with the Comptroller a power to exclude them if he thinks fit.

Rule 123 of the principal Rules, which contains a similar provision with regard to disputes relating to infringement, is omitted as such disputes are now covered by these Rules. Hitherto these were the only cases in which the public were admitted.

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 87.

(b) S.I. 1958/73 (1958 II, p. 1713).