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**2011 No. 2052**

**PATENTS**

**The Patents (Amendment) Rules 2011**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>19th August 2011</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>22nd August 2011</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st October 2011</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by section 123 of the Patents Act 1977(a).

In accordance with paragraph 24 of Schedule 7 to the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007(b), the Secretary of State has consulted the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council before making these Rules.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Patents (Amendment) Rules 2011 and come into force on 1st October 2011.

**Amendments to the Patents Rules 2007**

2. The Patents Rules 2007(c) are amended as follows.

3. In the rules set out in the Schedule to these Rules, for “beginning with” substitute “beginning immediately after”.

**Transitional Provisions**

4. Where, immediately before these Rules come into force, any period of time prescribed by any of the rules set out in the Schedule to these Rules has effect in relation to any act or proceeding and has not expired, those rules as amended by these Rules shall apply in determining the expiry of that period.

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(a) 1977 c.37. Section 123 was amended by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c.48), Schedule 5, paragraph 29; there are other amendments but none are relevant to these Rules.  
(b) 2007 c.15.  
(c) S.I. 2007/3291, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Rules.

19th August 2011

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Rules)*

These Rules amend the Patents Rules 2007 (SI 2007/3291) (as amended).

These Rules amend the various time periods prescribed in the rules set out in the Schedule to these Rules by substituting a reference to “beginning immediately after” for the references to “beginning with” so that when computing a period of time by reference to a relevant event, the date on which the relevant event occurred is not included.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum is available alongside the instrument on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk)

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