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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

No. R. 309

30 March 2001

PATENTS ACT, 1978 (ACT NO. 57 OF 1978)

AMENDMENT OF THE PATENTS REGULATIONS, 1978

The Minister of Trade and Industry has with concurrence of the Minister of Finance in respect of matters prescribing the payment of Fees and Tariff of such Fees, under section 91 of the Patents Act, 1978 (Act No. 57 of 1978), further amended the Patent Regulations, 1978, initially published under Government Notice No. R.2470 of 15 December 1978 and as subsequently amended in Government Gazette No. 1985A of March 1999, Government Gazette No. 20248 of June 1999, Government Gazette No. 20790 of 30 December 1999 and Government Gazette No. 20837 of 4 February, 2000, and Government Gazette No. 21960 of 29 December 2000, in the manner set out in the Schedule, with effect from 1 April 2001.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this thirtieth day of March Two Thousand and One.

A ERWIN**MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY**

SCHEDULE OF FEES

(as in force from April 1, 2001)

1. Schedule 1 is hereby amended by substitution for Item 25 to 26 of the following:

Item No.	Description	Correspondence Form	Fees
25.	International fee in terms of section 43D [regulation 67A (b)]		
26.	Search fee in terms of section 43D [regulation 67A (b)]		
	Fees	Amounts	
(a)	Basic Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))		
i)	if the international application Contains not more than 30 sheets	R3,152	
ii)	if the international application Contains more than 30 sheets	R3,152 plus R72 for each sheet in excess of 30 sheets	
(b)	Designation Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))		
i)	for designations made under Rule 4.9 (a)	R680 per designation, provided that any designation made under Rule 4.9(a) in excess of 6 shall not require the payment	

		of a designation fee
(ii)	for designations made under Rule 4.9(b) and confirmed under Rule 4.9(c)	R680 per designation
(c)	Handling Fee: (Rule 57.2(a))	R1,140
(d)	Search fees:	
	(i)European Patent Office (EPO)	R7, 000
	(ii)Australian Patent Office (ATS)	R1, 165

Reductions

- (e) PCT-EASY reductions: R972
- (f) All fees payable (where applicable, as reduced under items 1 (a),(b) and (d) (i) are reduced by 75% for international applications filed by any applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997); if there are several applicants, each must satisfy those criteria.

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