



Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

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PART VI

PATENTS

Patents county courts

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- (1) The Lord Chancellor may by order made by statutory instrument designate any county court as a patents county court and confer on it jurisdiction (its “special jurisdiction”) to hear and determine such descriptions of proceedings—
 - (a) relating to patents or designs, or
 - (b) ancillary to, or arising out of the same subject matter as, proceedings relating to patents or designs,as may be specified in the order.
- (2) The special jurisdiction of a patents county court is exercisable throughout England and Wales, but rules of court may provide for a matter pending in one such court to be heard and determined in another or partly in that and partly in another.
- (3) A patents county court may entertain proceedings within its special jurisdiction notwithstanding that no pecuniary remedy is sought.
- (4) An order under this section providing for the discontinuance of any of the special jurisdiction of a patents county court may make provision as to proceedings pending in the court when the order comes into operation.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the ordinary jurisdiction of a county court.