



Patents Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 16

Other amendments of the 1977 Act

7 Restrictions on applications abroad by United Kingdom residents

- (1) In section 23 of the 1977 Act (restrictions on applications abroad by United Kingdom residents), in subsection (1), after “an invention” there is inserted “ if subsection (1A) below applies to that application, ”.
- (2) After that subsection there is inserted—

“(1A) This subsection applies to an application if—

 - (a) the application contains information which relates to military technology or for any other reason publication of the information might be prejudicial to national security; or
 - (b) the application contains information the publication of which might be prejudicial to the safety of the public.”
- (3) After subsection (3) of that section there is inserted—

“(3A) A person is liable under subsection (3) above only if—

 - (a) he knows that filing the application, or causing it to be filed, would contravene this section; or
 - (b) he is reckless as to whether filing the application, or causing it to be filed, would contravene this section.”

Commencement Information

- II** S. 7 in force at 1.1.2005 by [S.I. 2004/3205](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (with [art. 9](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Patents Act 2004, Section 7.