

Subcommittee on Patents (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2002

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 29 November 2002**

- (1) To provide information on overseas practices as to how they can ensure timely registration of amendment of patent specification by patentees and whether there is a time limit for registration and the consequences in the event of failure to do so;
- (2) To critically review the policy intent behind and the need for a time limit under section 39(1) of the Patents (General) Rules (the Rules) to ensure timely registration of amendment of patent specification, and to advise whether any proposal to reasonably extend the time limit will be considered ultra vires; and
- (3) To respond to the submissions made by deputations, and to advise on the progress of the review of section 35 of the Rules and Order 103 of the Rules of the High Court, which should be made in consultation with the trade.