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THE PATENTS (BRITISH POSTAL STRIKE) REGULATIONS
1972

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 19th day of June 1972

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 80 and 82 of the Patents Act 1953, His Excellency the Governor-General, being satisfied that consequent upon the postal strike in Great Britain which commenced in January 1971, provisions substantially equivalent to those of these regulations have been made in that country for extending the time for making convention applications originating in New Zealand, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council and in relation to the Cook Islands at the request and with the consent of the Cook Islands Government, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Patents (British Postal Strike) Regulations 1972.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Extension of time for making convention applications—The Commissioner may extend until not later than 19 April 1971 the time for making applications under subsection (2) of section 7 of the Patents Act 1953 for a patent for an invention in respect of which protection has been first applied for in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as a convention country after the 19th day of January 1970 and before the 19th day of April 1970:

Provided that before granting any such extension the Commissioner shall be satisfied that the delay in making the application was due to the said postal strike.

3. Retrospective actions—Any order made, direction given, or other action taken under these regulations by the Commissioner may be made, given or taken so as to have effect as respects things done or omitted to be done before or after the commencement of these regulations.

4. Application to Cook Islands—These regulations shall be in force in the Cook Islands.

P. J. BROOKS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations allow the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for making convention applications originating in Great Britain and delayed owing to the British postal strike which commenced in January 1971.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 22 June 1972.

These regulations are administered in the Department of Justice.