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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

IRELAND: PATENTS (AMENDMENT) RULES 2017
(S.I. 206 OF 2017)

Notifying Member	IRELAND
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Patents (Amendment) Rules 2017 (S.I. 206 of 2017)
Subject matter	Patents (including plant variety protection)
Nature of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/IRL/23_14787_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/IRL/1
Brief description of the notified legal text	
<p>These amendments to the Patent Rules 1992 arise from changes to the Patents Act 1992 which re-introduce substantive examination of Irish patent applications. The rules set the procedural changes to support substantive examination including the submission of a search report and written opinion as to patentability of an invention. Third party observations to the Controller in relation to the patentability of applications are also provided for.</p>	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	19 May 2017
Other date	Adoption: 19 May 2017

Notification details

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Other information	See also: IP/N/1/IRL/P/1 (<i>Patents Act 1992</i>)
Agency or authority responsible	Intellectual Property Unit Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment trademarks@enterprise.gov.ie

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