

**Intellectual Property Department
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Patents and Designs Registries:

(i) correction of error; and (ii) registration of transactions, instrument or event

This Circular is to draw applicants' attention to the following practices adopted by the Patents and/or Designs Registries:

(i) Correction of errors in the publication of information in the designated patent office

This is to confirm that we would correct under section 146(1) of the Patents Ordinance minor/obvious/printing errors in the publication of information in the designated patent office if the mistake was made by the relevant designated patent office, and not by the applicant. The applicant should provide relevant documents showing that the error was made by the relevant designated patent office. The following are examples of relevant documents that are acceptable for the purpose:

- A copy of Corrigendum issued by the relevant designated patent office;
- A confirmation letter from the relevant designated patent office showing that the mistake was made by such office.

In such circumstances, the applicant would not be required to submit the Patents Form P7 and the prescribed fee for correcting the error.

(ii) Documentary evidence required for registering or giving notice of a transaction, instrument or event under Section 46 of the Patents (General) Rules or Sections 20/33/34 of the Registered Designs Rules

With effect from 7 May 2004, we would no longer require a certified copy, and would accept, a plain copy of documentary evidence (e.g. a copy of an assignment document) that establishes a transaction, instrument or event for the purpose of an application to register or the giving of notice of such transaction, instrument or event under Section 46 of the Patents (General) Rules or Sections 20/33/34 of the Registered Designs Rules.

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