Exemption from fees

I, FRANCES RODEN, Commissioner of Patents exempt a person from payment of the fee for requesting an extension of time under paragraph 223(2)(b) of the Patents Act 1990 or under regulation 5.9 of Patent Regulations 1991 in the following circumstances:

- The applicant or their attorney or representative applies for an extension of time on the basis that they or their client are unable to:
  - fully consider the prosecution of this right, or
  - pay the fee, or
  - undertake another relevant action due to the disruptive effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and
- The request is made between 1 September 2020 and 30 September 2020, and
- The request relates to an extension of time of 3 months or less, and
- The request does not relate to an extension of time to pay:
  - a continuation fee in the period prescribed under paragraph 142(2)(d) of the Patents Act 1990, or
  - a renewal fee in the period prescribed under paragraph 143(a) or paragraph 143A(d) of the Patents Act 1990.

Dated this 13th day of August 2020.

Frances Roden
Commissioner of Patents