

Changes to United Kingdom entries in SCP/15/2 ANNEX [SCP/12/3 Rev.2 ANNEX II]

Country	Prior Art
United Kingdom	<p>1. Everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date).</p> <p>2. Contents of UK patent applications <u>(including European patents (UK) and international applications designating the UK which have entered the national or regional phase)</u> with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.</p>
Country	Novelty
United Kingdom	<p>The invention does not form part of the state of the art. The state of the art consists of everything made accessible to the public by a written or oral description, use or in any other way before the filing date (priority date), and the contents of UK patent applications <u>(including European patents (UK) and international applications designating the UK which have entered the national or regional phase)</u> with an earlier filing date (priority date) published on or after that date.</p>
Country	Exclusions from Patentable Subject Matter
United Kingdom	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discoveries, scientific theories and mathematical methods. 2. Literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works. 3. Aesthetic creations. 4. Schemes, rules and methods for performing mental acts, playing games or doing business. 5. Computer programs. 6. Presentation of information. 7. Therapeutic; <u>and surgical and diagnostic</u> methods for treating humans or animals, <u>and diagnostic methods practised on the human or animal body.</u> 8. Inventions contrary to public policy or morality. 9. Plant and animal varieties and essentially biological processes for their production, other than: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) microbiological <u>or other technical</u> methods and products <u>of such methods</u>; (b) inventions whose technical feasibility of the invention is not confined to a particular plant or animal variety; (c) products consisting of or containing biological material; (d) processes producing, processing or using biological material; (e) biological material isolated from its natural environment or produced by a technical process, even if previously occurring in nature. 10. The human body, at any stage of its formation and development or the simple discovery of its elements, including gene sequences, other than elements isolated from the human body or produced by a technical process. 11. Processes for cloning humans; modifying the germ line genetic identity of humans; uses of human embryos for industrial or commercial purposes; and processes for modifying the genetic identity of animals which are likely to cause them suffering without any substantial medical benefit, and animals resulting from such processes.

Country	Exceptions and Limitations of the Rights
United Kingdom	<p>1. Acts which cannot be prevented by the patent owner under provisions of the Community Patent Convention relating to exhaustion of the rights.</p> <p><u>12.</u> Private acts for non-commercial purposes.</p> <p><u>23.</u> Acts for experimental purposes.</p> <p><u>34.</u> Preparation of prescribed medicines in pharmacies, and acts concerning those medicines.</p> <p><u>45.</u> Certain uses concerning foreign ships, aircraft, hovercraft or vehicles which temporarily or accidentally enter national territory.</p> <p><u>56.</u> Use by farmers of harvested plant propagating material for multiplication or propagation on own holding.</p> <p><u>67.</u> Use by farmers of breeding stock or other animal reproductive material for own agricultural activity, but not sale for commercial reproduction.</p> <p><u>78.</u> Continued prior use by a person who, in good faith at the filing date (priority date), had used the invention in the United Kingdom, or made effective or serious preparations for that purpose.</p> <p><u>89.</u> Exploitation, by a government department or other person authorized by the Secretary of State, in particular for the purposes of defense, medicines, atomic energy, war or other emergency.</p> <p><u>940.</u> Compulsory licenses.</p> <p><u>10. Tests and trials for veterinary and medicinal products, intended to demonstrate that a generic product is equivalent to an approved patented product, to obtain market authorisation.</u></p>