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THE PATENTS (U.S. POSTAL EMERGENCY) REGULATIONS  
1972

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General  
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 31st day of July 1972

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Patents Act 1953, His Excellency the Governor-General, being satisfied that consequent upon the postal service emergency in the United States of America which occurred in March 1970, provisions substantially equivalent to those of these regulations have been made in that country for accepting the filing of convention applications originating in New Zealand and delayed in the post due to the emergency, 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 (U.S. Postal Emergency) 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 the 6th day of April 1970 the time for making application 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 States of America as a convention country after the 17th day of March 1969 and before the 31st day of March 1969:

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 emergency.

**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 regards 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.

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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 the United States of America and delayed owing to the postal emergency occurring in that country in March 1970.

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Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Justice.