

CHAPTER XIV

DURATION OF PATENT

83. (1) Subject and without prejudice to the other provisions of this Part a patent shall expire twenty years after the filing date of application for its registration.

Duration of patent.

(2) Where a patentee intends at the expiration of the second year from the date of grant of the patent to keep the same in force he shall, twelve months prior to the date of expiration of the second and each succeeding year during the term of the patent, pay the prescribed annual fee:

Provided, however, that a period of grace of six months shall be allowed after the date of such expiration, upon payment of such surcharge as may be prescribed :

Provided further that the patentee may pay in advance the whole or any portion of the aggregate of the prescribed annual fees.

CHAPTER XV

RIGHTS OF OWNER OF PATENT

84. (1) Subject and without prejudice to the other provisions of this Part, the owner of a patent shall have the following exclusive rights in relation to a patented invention:—

Rights of owner of patent.

- (a) to exploit the patented invention ;
- (b) to assign or transmit the patent ;
- (c) to conclude licence contracts.

(2) No person shall do any of the acts referred to in subsection (1) without the consent of the owner of the patent.