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Rule 14.

This doesn't present a problem. We have spoken with Formalities () and have agreed a procedure for spotting and highlighting cases where the inventor's address needs to be suppressed.

Rule 15.

In principle no objections. However, as the Form 21/77 presently stands the one signature (the assignor) which could, under the new arrangements, now appear at section 7 of the Form will look as if it is covering both the transfer of rights in the property and confirmation that stamp duty has been paid. At present, for the latter, the Office has always sought the assignee's signature. Unless, therefore, amendments to the Form are made pdq. I can foresee confusion arising.

I know that the whole question of stamp duty remains in the melting pot and that is attempting to bring the interested parties together for a meeting in the New Year but in the meantime we may have difficulties in Assignments in ascertaining just who is signing for what at section 7.

← "CONFUSION"

← "DIFFICULTIES"

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