

PATENTS ACT 1977

IN THE MATTER OF an application by
SKF Sverige AB for the revocation under
section 72 of patent number GB 2284639
in the name of NSK Limited

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

- 1 In my interim decision of 11 September 2001 I found claims 1 and 2 of the patent to be invalid and refused the amendments which the proprietors had offered. I gave the proprietors a period of six weeks from the date of the decision to submit amendments to overcome my findings, failing which I would revoke the patent.
- 2 No amendments have been submitted, and accordingly I now revoke the patent.

Costs

- 3 In my interim decision I stated that I was minded to award the claimants costs on the comptroller's normal scale that applies to actions commenced before 22 May 2000, subject to any submissions from the parties within the above six-week period.
- 4 Neither party has made any submissions in the matter. I therefore order the proprietors NSK Limited to pay the claimants SKF Sverige AB £1200 as a contribution to their costs.

Appeal

- 5 As this decision does not relate to matters of procedure, the period for appeal is six weeks.

Dated this 21st day of November 2001

P HAYWARD

Divisional Director acting for the Comptroller

THE PATENT OFFICE