This chapter is concerned with two areas of law that are related to, but not traditionally part of, patent law: the system of plant variety that gives protection to the breeders of new plant varieties, and supplementary protection certificates that extend the length of patent protection in the UK and are meant to compensate owners for time lost while awaiting regulatory approval to market their patented products. The procedure to be followed when applying for plant variety rights is also discussed, along with issues of ownership, duration, and patent infringement. The chapter concludes by considering exceptions and compulsory licences relating to the plant variety system.
24. Rights related to patents

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