

# Abel + Imray

## Member Presentation for NAATBatt 2023

### Neil Forsyth and Jim Denness

# Who are we?

- + LLP of patent and trademark attorneys, HQ in UK
- + Founded in 1871
- + Offices in London, Bath, Cardiff in UK and Delft NL
- + 16 Partners
- + 50 Attorneys



# Neil Forsyth

- + Chartered UK Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney
- + MEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering and PhD in Communications and Signal Processing from Imperial College, London. Worked as a systems design engineer for a large European satellite company before joining patent profession
- + Patent practice focussing on electronics, telecoms, software, computing, etc. with particular interest in batteries from a circuitry, SW, charging algos., BMS perspective
- + John Platt – Snell & Wilmer – US patents

# Jim Denness

- + Chartered UK Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney
- + PhD in Chemistry from University of York in UK, post-doctoral research to University of Durham followed by working as research chemist for a US multinational then joined Abel + Imray
- + Patent practice focussing on polymers, materials, molecular sieves, catalysts, chemical processes, and petrochemicals with interest in batteries from a UK and US chemical supply chain and recycling perspective.

# We are not lawyers



- + UK Patent attorneys are not lawyers
- + Legally trained engineers and scientists
- + Separate profession, separate exams
- + EP qualification for EPO + UK qualification/chartership for UKIPO

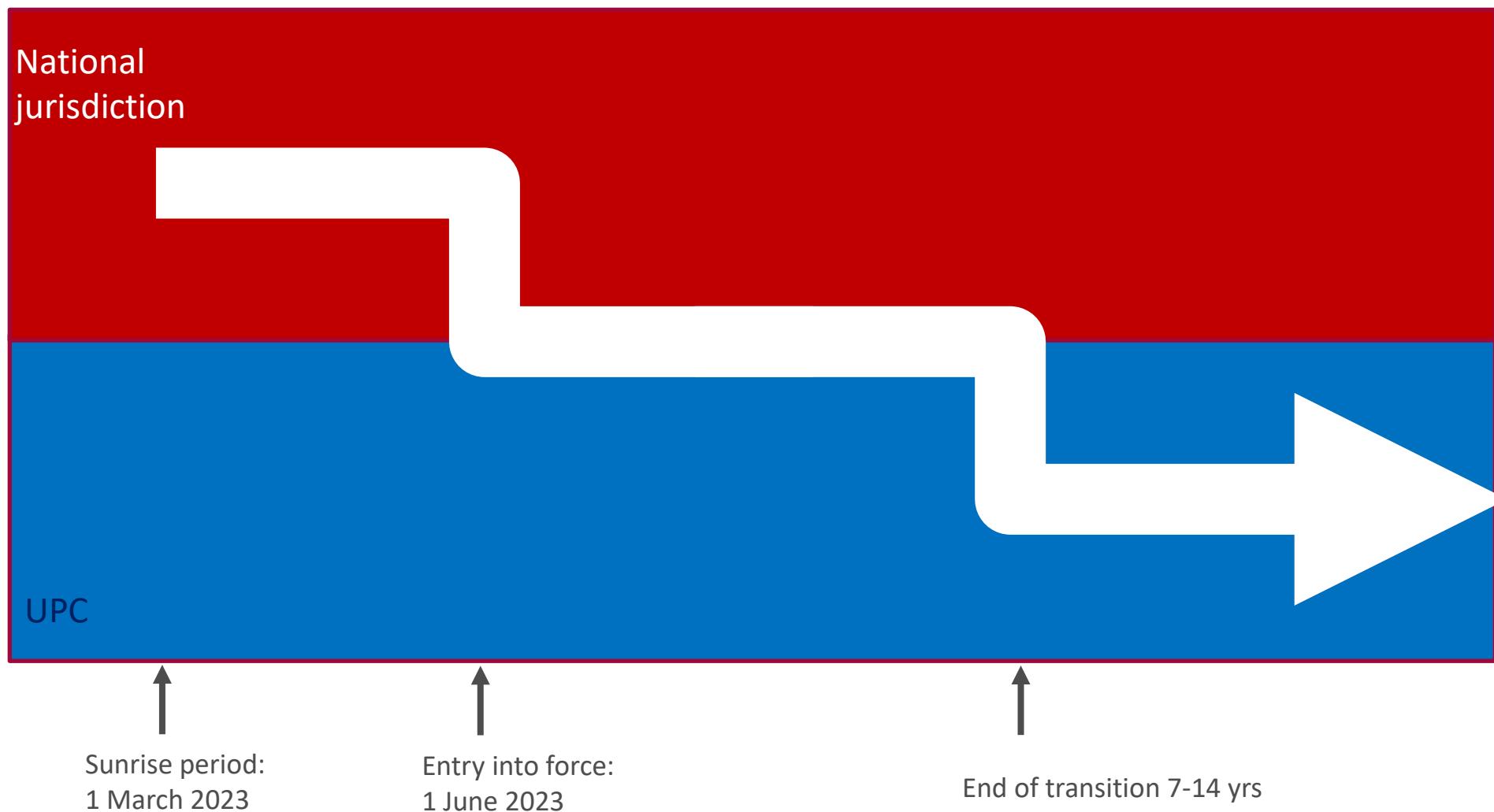
# UPC - Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court

- + Two prongs
  - A single court for EU patent cases
  - A unitary patent (potentially) right across EU

# Coming very soon

- + Start date = 1 June 2023
- + Sunrise period from 1 March 2023
- + Opt out patents to avoid attack from competitors in the UPC?

# Existing portfolio if you do nothing



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