

A BILL

To

Amend certain expressions in the Trade Descriptions Ordinance that contain a reference to “country” or “countries” and to make consequential amendments to the Trade Descriptions (Country of Origin) (Watches) Order.

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

1. Short title

This Ordinance may be cited as the Trade Descriptions (Amendment) Ordinance 2004.

2. Interpretation

Section 2(2) of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362) is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (a)(i) and (ii), by repealing “country” and substituting “place”;
- (b) in paragraph (b)(ii)—
 - (i) by repealing “countries” where it twice appears and substituting “places”;
 - (ii) by repealing “country” and substituting “place”.

3. Rule of evidence regarding imported goods with false trade description

Section 24A is amended by repealing “or country” wherever it appears.

Consequential Amendments

Trade Descriptions (Country of Origin) (Watches) Order

4. Citation amended

Section 1(1) of the Trade Descriptions (Country of Origin) (Watches) Order (Cap. 362 sub. leg. D) is amended by repealing “Country” and substituting “Place”.

5. Specification of place of origin of watches

Section 2(1) is amended by repealing “country” where it twice appears and substituting “place”.

Explanatory Memorandum

The main purpose of this Bill is to amend sections 2 and 24A of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362) so that origin of goods is expressed in those provisions by reference to a place, instead of a country.