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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Patents Ordinance
(Chapter 514)

Registered Designs Ordinance
(Chapter 522)

Trade Marks Ordinance
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Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits Ordinance
(Chapter 445)

**PATENTS ORDINANCE
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1) ORDER 2005**

**REGISTERED DESIGNS ORDINANCE
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) REGULATION 2005**

**TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1) REGULATION 2005**

**LAYOUT-DESIGN (TOPOGRAPHY) OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS
(DESIGNATION OF QUALIFYING COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES OR
AREAS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2005**

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 22 November 2005, the Council ADVISED and the Chief Executive ORDERED that –

- A
- (a) the Patents Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2005, at Annex A, should be made under section 153 of the Patents Ordinance;
- B
- (b) the Registered Designs Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Regulation 2005, at Annex B, should be made under section 83 of the Registered Designs Ordinance;
- C
- (c) the Trade Marks Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Regulation 2005, at Annex C, should be made under section 92 of the Trade Marks Ordinance; and
- D
- (d) the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2005, at Annex D, should be made under section 24 of the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits Ordinance,

to amend the various schedules to reflect the current membership position of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Paris Convention) and the World Trade Organization (the WTO).

JUSTIFICATIONS

2. China is a party to the Paris Convention and the Central People's Government (CPG) has applied the Paris Convention to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Under the Paris Convention, the HKSAR is obliged to grant to a person who has filed an application for registration of a patent, industrial design or trademark in a Paris Convention country a right of priority during a prescribed period for the purpose of filing the same application in the HKSAR. Separately, the HKSAR is a member of the WTO. Under the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement), the HKSAR is obliged to do the same in respect of an application filed in a WTO member country, territory or area.

3. To fulfill our international obligations, we have made specific provisions in the Patents Ordinance, the Registered Designs Ordinance and the Trade Marks Ordinance to the effect that a person who has filed an application in a Paris Convention country or a WTO member country, territory or area will enjoy a right of priority. We have also set out in a Schedule to each of the afore-mentioned Ordinances the list of Paris Convention countries and WTO member countries, territories or areas. The Chief Executive in Council is empowered to amend by an Order published in the Gazette the Schedule to the Patents Ordinance, and by Regulation to amend the Schedules to the Registered Designs Ordinance and the Trade Marks Ordinance.

4. The TRIPS Agreement also requires the HKSAR to grant the same level of intellectual property protection for layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits to citizens of other WTO member countries, territories or areas, as to HKSAR citizens. We have met the requirement by making specific provisions in the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits Ordinance that such protection will be given to such qualifying countries, territories or areas as are designated by the Chief Executive by Regulation. The Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation has been made for this purpose which contains a Schedule listing out the countries, territories or areas that have acceded to the WTO Agreement.

5. Since the above-mentioned Schedules were last amended (those to the Patents Ordinance, the Registered Designs Ordinance and the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation in July 2002, and the Trade Marks Ordinance in April 2003), six countries have become members of the Paris Convention and four countries have acceded to the WTO Agreement. One existing Paris Convention country has changed its name. As a result, we need to update the Schedules to the Ordinances and the Regulation concerned.

6. In addition, Schedule 1 to the Patents Ordinance contains two lists-

- (a) Paris Convention countries; and
- (b) WTO member countries, territories or areas which are not Paris Convention countries.

As two countries in the latter list have now become members of the Paris Convention, it is necessary to move their names from the latter list to the former list. The same applies to the Schedule to the Registered Designs Ordinance.

7. We have also taken the opportunity to revise the Chinese names of some countries in the Schedules to ensure their accuracy.

THE ORDER AND REGULATIONS

8. The Patents Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2005 at Annex A, the Registered Designs Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Regulation 2005 at Annex B, the Trade Marks Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Regulation 2005 at Annex C and the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2005 at Annex D update the various Schedules.

9. Copies of the relevant empowering provisions of the Ordinances and the relevant Schedules being amended are at Annexes E and F.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

10. The Order and Regulations will be published in the Gazette on 2 December 2005 and tabled at the Legislative Council on 7 December 2005. The amendments will take effect from 17 February 2006, after the negative vetting procedure is completed.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

11. The proposal is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights. It will not affect the current binding effect of the concerned Ordinances and subsidiary legislation.

The proposal has no financial and civil service, economic, environmental or sustainability implications.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

12. The proposed amendments are technical in nature and no consultation is considered necessary. We informed the Panel on Commerce and Industry of the Legislative Council of the proposed amendments.

PUBLICITY

13. A spokesman will be available to handle enquiries, if any.

ENQUIRIES

14. Enquiries on this brief shall be referred to Ms Priscilla TO, Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology (Commerce and Industry) at telephone number 2918 7480.

Commerce and Industry Branch
Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau
30 November 2005

**PATENTS ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF
SCHEDULE 1) ORDER 2005**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 153 of the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514))

1. Commencement

This Order shall come into operation on 17 February 2006.

2. Paris Convention countries and WTO member countries, territories and areas

(1) Schedule 1 to the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514) is amended in the list under the heading “**Paris Convention countries**” –

(a) by repealing “The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia”;

(b) by adding “Serbia and Montenegro”.

(2) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading “**Paris Convention countries**” by repealing “赤道畿內亞共和國” and substituting “赤道畿內亞共和國”.

(3) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading “**Paris Convention countries**” –

(a) by repealing “畿內亞比紹共和國”;

(b) by adding “畿內亞比紹共和國”.

(4) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading “**Paris Convention countries**” –

(a) by repealing “畿內亞共和國”;

(b) by adding “畿內亞共和國”.

(5) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading “**Paris Convention countries**” by adding –

(a) “The Principality of Andorra”;

(b) “Union of the Comoros”;

(c) “The Republic of Namibia”;

- (d) “The Islamic Republic of Pakistan”;
- (e) “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”;
- (f) “The Republic of Seychelles”.

(6) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading “**WTO member countries, territories and areas (not including Paris Convention countries)**” by repealing –

- (a) “The Republic of Namibia”;
- (b) “The Islamic Republic of Pakistan”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2005

Explanatory Note

This Order updates the lists of countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention and countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement.

**REGISTERED DESIGNS ORDINANCE
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) REGULATION 2005**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 83 of the
Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on 17 February 2006.

**2. Paris Convention Countries and WTO
Members**

(1) The Schedule to the Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522) is amended in the list under the heading **“Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention”** –

- (a) by repealing “The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia”;
- (b) by adding “Serbia and Montenegro”.

(2) The Schedule is amended in the list under the heading **“Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention”** by repealing “赤道畿內亞共和國” and substituting “赤道畿內亞共和國”.

(3) The Schedule is amended in the list under the heading **“Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention”** –

- (a) by repealing “畿內亞比紹共和國”;
- (b) by adding “畿內亞比紹共和國”.

(4) The Schedule is amended in the list under the heading **“Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention”** –

- (a) by repealing “畿內亞共和國”;
- (b) by adding “畿內亞共和國”.

(5) The Schedule is amended in the list under the heading **“Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention”** by adding –

- (a) “The Principality of Andorra”;
- (b) “Union of the Comoros”;

- (c) “The Republic of Namibia”;
- (d) “The Islamic Republic of Pakistan”;
- (e) “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”;
- (f) “The Republic of Seychelles”.

(6) The Schedule is amended in the list under the heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement (not including countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention)**” by repealing –

- (a) “The Republic of Namibia”;
- (b) “The Islamic Republic of Pakistan”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2005

Explanatory Note

This Regulation updates the lists of countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention and countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement.

TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1) REGULATION 2005

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 92 of the Trade
Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on 17 February 2006.

2. Paris Convention Countries and WTO Members

(1) Schedule 1 to the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559) is amended in the list under the heading **“Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention”** –

- (a) by repealing “The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia”;
- (b) by adding “Serbia and Montenegro”.

(2) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading **“Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention”** by repealing “赤道畿內亞共和國” and substituting “赤道幾內亞共和國”.

(3) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading **“Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention”** –

- (a) by repealing “畿內亞比紹共和國”;
- (b) by adding “幾內亞比紹共和國”.

(4) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading **“Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention”** –

- (a) by repealing “畿內亞共和國”;
- (b) by adding “幾內亞共和國”.

(5) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading **“Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention”** by adding –

- (a) “The Principality of Andorra”;
- (b) “Union of the Comoros”;

- (c) “The Republic of Namibia”;
- (d) “The Islamic Republic of Pakistan”;
- (e) “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”;
- (f) “The Republic of Seychelles”.

(6) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**” –

- (a) by repealing “畿內亞比紹共和國”;
- (b) by adding “幾內亞比紹共和國”.

(7) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**” –

- (a) by repealing “畿內亞共和國”;
- (b) by adding “幾內亞共和國”.

(8) Schedule 1 is amended in the list under the heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**” by adding –

- (a) “The Republic of Armenia”;
- (b) “Kingdom of Cambodia”;
- (c) “The Republic of Macedonia”;
- (d) “The Kingdom of Nepal”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2005

Explanatory Note

This Regulation updates the lists of countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention and countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement.

**LAYOUT-DESIGN (TOPOGRAPHY) OF
INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (DESIGNATION OF
QUALIFYING COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES OR
AREAS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2005**

(Made by the Chief Executive under section 24 of the Layout-design
(Topography) of Integrated Circuits Ordinance (Cap. 445) after
consultation with the Executive Council)

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on 17 February 2006.

2. Qualifying countries, territories or areas

(1) The Schedule to the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation (Cap. 445 sub. leg. B) is amended –

- (a) by repealing “畿內亞比紹共和國”;
- (b) by adding “幾內亞比紹共和國”.

(2) The Schedule is amended –

- (a) by repealing “畿內亞共和國”;
- (b) by adding “幾內亞共和國”.

(3) The Schedule is amended by adding –

- (a) “The Republic of Armenia”;
- (b) “Kingdom of Cambodia”;
- (c) “The Republic of Macedonia”;
- (d) “The Kingdom of Nepal”.

Chief Executive

Explanatory Note

This Regulation updates the list of qualifying countries, territories or areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement.

Annex E

Chapter:	514	Title:	PATENTS ORDINANCE	Gazette Number:	L.N. 47 of 2002
Section:	153	Heading:	Amendment of Schedule 1	Version Date:	01/06/2002

The Chief Executive in Council may by order published in the Gazette- (Amended 22 of 1999 s. 3)

- (a) add to Schedule 1 the name of-
 - (i) any country which has acceded to the Paris Convention;
 - (ii) any country, territory or area which has acceded to the World Trade Organisation Agreement;
- (b) delete from the Schedule 1 the name of-
 - (i) any country which has denounced the Paris Convention;
 - (ii) any country, territory or area which has denounced the World Trade Organisation Agreement; and(Amended 2 of 2001 s. 13)
- (c) otherwise amend Schedule 1. (Added 2 of 2001 s. 13)

Chapter:	522	Title:	REGISTERED DESIGNS ORDINANCE	Gazette Number:	22 of 1999
Section:	83	Heading:	Regulations	Version Date:	01/07/1997

Remarks: Amendments retroactively made - see 22 of 1999 s. 3

The Chief Executive in Council may make regulations- (Amended 22 of 1999 s. 3)

- (a) providing that no appeal lies under section 58 from a decision or order of the Registrar that is of a class of decisions or orders specified in the regulations;
- (b) adding to the Schedule the name of-
 - (i) any country which has acceded to the Paris Convention;
 - (ii) any territory or area subject to the authority or under the suzerainty of any country, or administered by any country, on behalf of which such country has acceded to the Paris Convention; or
 - (iii) any country, territory or area which has acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement;
- (c) deleting from the Schedule the name of-
 - (i) any country which has denounced the Paris Convention;
 - (ii) any territory or area on behalf of which the Paris Convention has been denounced; or
 - (iii) any country, territory or area which has denounced the World Trade Organization Agreement; and
- (d) otherwise amending the Schedule.

Chapter:	559	Title:	TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE	Gazette Number:	L.N. 31 of 2003
Section:	92	Heading:	Regulations	Version Date:	04/04/2003

The Chief Executive in Council may by regulation-

- (a) add to Schedule 1 (Paris Convention countries and WTO members) the name of-
 - (i) any country which has acceded to the Paris Convention;
 - (ii) any country, territory or area which has acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement;
- (b) delete from Schedule 1 the name of-
 - (i) any country which has denounced the Paris Convention;
 - (ii) any country, territory or area which has denounced the World Trade Organization Agreement;
- (c) otherwise amend Schedule 1;
- (d) amend Schedule 2 (determination of well-known trade marks);
- (e) amend Schedule 3 (collective marks); and
- (f) amend Schedule 4 (certification marks).

Chapter:	445	Title:	LAYOUT-DESIGN (TOPOGRAPHY) OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS ORDINANCE	Gazette Number:	22 of 1999
Section:	24	Heading:	Designation of qualifying countries	Version Date:	01/07/1997

Remarks: Amendments retroactively made - see 22 of 1999 s. 3

(1) In this section "qualified owner" (合資格擁有人) means a person who is a qualified owner by virtue of relationship to Hong Kong under the definition of qualified person.

(2) The Chief Executive may, by regulation, designate a country, territory or area as a qualifying country, territory or area if he considers that provisions have been or will be made under the laws of that country, territory or area that will give to a qualified owner under this Ordinance adequate protection in that country, territory or area.

(Amended 22 of 1999 s. 3)

(Enacted 1994)

Annex F

Chapter:	514	PATENTS ORDINANCE	Gazette Number	Version Date
Schedule:	1	PARIS CONVENTION COUNTRIES AND WTO MEMBER COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES AND AREAS	L.N. 66 of 2002	11/07/2002

[sections 2 & 153]

Paris Convention countries

The following are specified for the purposes of the definition of "Paris Convention country" in section 2(1) as countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention-

The Republic of Albania
The Democratic People's Republic of Algeria
Antigua and Barbuda
Republic of Argentina
The Republic of Armenia
The Commonwealth of Australia
The Republic of Austria
The Republic of Azerbaijan
The Commonwealth of The Bahamas
The State of Bahrain
The People's Republic of Bangladesh
Barbados
The Republic of Belarus
The Kingdom of Belgium
Belize
The Republic of Benin
The Kingdom of Bhutan
The Republic of Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
The Republic of Botswana
The Federative Republic of Brazil
The Republic of Bulgaria
The Burkina Faso
The Republic of Burundi
Kingdom of Cambodia
The Republic of Cameroon
Canada
The Central African Republic
The Republic of Chad
Republic of Chile
The People's Republic of China
The Republic of Colombia
The Democratic Republic of Congo
The Republic of Congo
The Republic of Costa Rica
The Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
The Republic of Croatia
The Republic of Cuba
The Czech Republic
The Kingdom of Denmark
The Republic of Djibouti

The Commonwealth of Dominica
The Dominican Republic
The Republic of Ecuador
The Arab Republic of Egypt
The Republic of El Salvador
The Republic of Equatorial Guinea
Republic of Estonia
The Republic of Finland
The Republic of France
The Gabonese Republic
The Republic of the Gambia
Georgia
The Federal Republic of Germany
The Republic of Ghana
Grenada
The Republic of Guatemala
The Republic of Guinea
The Republic of Guinea-Bissau
The Cooperative Republic of Guyana
The Republic of Haiti
The Hellenic Republic (Greece)
Holy See
The Republic of Honduras
The Republic of Hungary
The Republic of Iceland
The Republic of India
The Republic of Indonesia
The Islamic Republic of Iran
The Republic of Iraq
Ireland
The State of Israel
The Republic of Italy
Jamaica
Japan
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
The Republic of Kazakhstan
The Republic of Kenya
The Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Republic of Korea
Kyrgyz Republic
The Lao People's Democratic Republic
Republic of Latvia
The Republic of Lebanon
The Kingdom of Lesotho
The Republic of Liberia
The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
The Principality of Liechtenstein
The Republic of Lithuania
The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
The Republic of Macedonia
The Republic of Madagascar
The Republic of Malawi
Malaysia
The Republic of Mali
The Republic of Malta
The Islamic Republic of Mauritania
The Republic of Mauritius
The Republic of Moldova

The Principality of Monaco
Mongolia
The Kingdom of Morocco
The Republic of Mozambique
The Kingdom of Nepal
The Kingdom of the Netherlands
New Zealand
The Republic of Nicaragua
The Republic of Niger
The Federal Republic of Nigeria
The Kingdom of Norway
The Sultanate of Oman
The Republic of Panama
The Independent State of Papua New Guinea
Republic of Paraguay
The Republic of Peru
Republic of the Philippines
The Republic of Poland
The Portuguese Republic
The State of Qatar
Romania
The Russian Federation
The Republic of Rwanda
The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
The Republic of San Marino
The Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
The Republic of Senegal
The Republic of Sierra Leone
The Republic of Singapore
The Slovak Republic
The Republic of Slovenia
The Republic of South Africa
Spain
The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
The Republic of the Sudan
The Republic of Suriname
The Kingdom of Swaziland
The Kingdom of Sweden
Swiss Confederation
The Republic of Syprus (Cyprus)
The Syrian Arab Republic
The Republic of Tajikistan
The Republic of Togo
The Kingdom of Tonga
The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
The Republic of Tunisia
The Republic of Turkey
Turkmenistan
The Republic of Uganda
Ukraine
The United Arab Emirates
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
The United Republic of Tanzania
The United States of America
The United States of Mexico
Oriental Republic of Uruguay

The Republic of Uzbekistan
The Bolivar Republic of Venezuela
The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
The Republic of Zambia
The Republic of Zimbabwe

WTO member countries, territories
and areas (not including Paris
Convention countries)

The following are specified as being countries, territories or areas which have acceded to the
World Trade Organisation Agreement-

The Republic of Angola
Negara Brunei Darussalam
European Community
The Republic of The Fiji Islands
The State of Kuwait
The Macao Special Administrative Region
The Republic of Maldives
The Union of Myanmar
The Republic of Namibia
The Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu
The Solomon Islands
Royal Thai (Thailand)

(Amended L.N. 341 of 1998; L.N. 66 of 2002)

Chapter:	522	REGISTERED DESIGNS ORDINANCE	Gazette Number	Version Date
Schedule:		SCHEDULE	L.N. 65 of 2002	11/07/2002

[sections 2 & 83]

PARIS CONVENTION COUNTRIES AND WTO MEMBERS

Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention

The Republic of Albania
 The Democratic People's Republic of Algeria
 Antigua and Barbuda
 Republic of Argentina
 The Republic of Armenia
 The Commonwealth of Australia
 The Republic of Austria
 The Republic of Azerbaijan
 The Commonwealth of The Bahamas
 The State of Bahrain
 The People's Republic of Bangladesh
 Barbados
 The Republic of Belarus
 The Kingdom of Belgium
 Belize
 The Republic of Benin
 The Kingdom of Bhutan
 The Republic of Bolivia
 Bosnia and Herzegovina
 The Republic of Botswana
 The Federative Republic of Brazil
 The Republic of Bulgaria
 The Burkina Faso
 The Republic of Burundi
 Kingdom of Cambodia
 The Republic of Cameroon
 Canada
 The Central African Republic
 The Republic of Chad
 Republic of Chile
 The People's Republic of China
 The Republic of Colombia
 The Democratic Republic of Congo
 The Republic of Congo
 The Republic of Costa Rica
 The Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
 The Republic of Croatia
 The Republic of Cuba
 The Czech Republic
 The Kingdom of Denmark
 The Republic of Djibouti
 The Commonwealth of Dominica
 The Dominican Republic
 The Republic of Ecuador
 The Arab Republic of Egypt

The Republic of El Salvador
The Republic of Equatorial Guinea
Republic of Estonia
The Republic of Finland
The Republic of France
The Gabonese Republic
The Republic of the Gambia
Georgia
The Federal Republic of Germany
The Republic of Ghana
Grenada
The Republic of Guatemala
The Republic of Guinea
The Republic of Guinea-Bissau
The Cooperative Republic of Guyana
The Republic of Haiti
The Hellenic Republic (Greece)
Holy See
The Republic of Honduras
The Republic of Hungary
The Republic of Iceland
The Republic of India
The Republic of Indonesia
The Islamic Republic of Iran
The Republic of Iraq
Ireland
The State of Israel
The Republic of Italy
Jamaica
Japan
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
The Republic of Kazakhstan
The Republic of Kenya
The Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Republic of Korea
Kyrgyz Republic
The Lao People's Democratic Republic
Republic of Latvia
The Republic of Lebanon
The Kingdom of Lesotho
The Republic of Liberia
The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
The Principality of Liechtenstein
The Republic of Lithuania
The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
The Republic of Macedonia
The Republic of Madagascar
The Republic of Malawi
Malaysia
The Republic of Mali
The Republic of Malta
The Islamic Republic of Mauritania
The Republic of Mauritius
The Republic of Moldova
The Principality of Monaco
Mongolia
The Kingdom of Morocco
The Republic of Mozambique

The Kingdom of Nepal
The Kingdom of the Netherlands
New Zealand
The Republic of Nicaragua
The Republic of Niger
The Federal Republic of Nigeria
The Kingdom of Norway
The Sultanate of Oman
The Republic of Panama
The Independent State of Papua New Guinea
Republic of Paraguay
The Republic of Peru
Republic of the Philippines
The Republic of Poland
The Portuguese Republic
The State of Qatar
Romania
The Russian Federation
The Republic of Rwanda
The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
The Republic of San Marino
The Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
The Republic of Senegal
The Republic of Sierra Leone
The Republic of Singapore
The Slovak Republic
The Republic of Slovenia
The Republic of South Africa
Spain
The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
The Republic of the Sudan
The Republic of Suriname
The Kingdom of Swaziland
The Kingdom of Sweden
Swiss Confederation
The Republic of Syprus (Cyprus)
The Syrian Arab Republic
The Republic of Tajikistan
The Republic of Togo
The Kingdom of Tonga
The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
The Republic of Tunisia
The Republic of Turkey
Turkmenistan
The Republic of Uganda
Ukraine
The United Arab Emirates
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
The United Republic of Tanzania
The United States of America
The United States of Mexico
Oriental Republic of Uruguay
The Republic of Uzbekistan
The Bolivar Republic of Venezuela
The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The Republic of Zambia
The Republic of Zimbabwe

Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement
(not including countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention)

The Republic of Angola
Negara Brunei Darussalam
European Community
The Republic of The Fiji Islands
The State of Kuwait
The Macao Special Administrative Region
The Republic of Maldives
The Union of Myanmar
The Republic of Namibia
The Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu
The Solomon Islands
Royal Thai (Thailand)

(Amended L.N. 340 of 1998; L.N. 65 of 2002)

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Schedule:	1	PARIS CONVENTION COUNTRIES AND WTO MEMBERS	L.N. 181 of 2002; L.N. 31 of 2003	04/04/2003

[sections 2 & 92]

**Countries which have acceded to
the Paris Convention**

The Republic of Albania
 The Democratic People's Republic of Algeria
 Antigua and Barbuda
 Republic of Argentina
 The Republic of Armenia
 The Commonwealth of Australia
 The Republic of Austria
 The Republic of Azerbaijan
 The Commonwealth of The Bahamas
 The State of Bahrain
 The People's Republic of Bangladesh
 Barbados
 The Republic of Belarus
 The Kingdom of Belgium
 Belize
 The Republic of Benin
 The Kingdom of Bhutan
 The Republic of Bolivia
 Bosnia and Herzegovina
 The Republic of Botswana
 The Federative Republic of Brazil
 The Republic of Bulgaria
 The Burkina Faso
 The Republic of Burundi
 Kingdom of Cambodia
 The Republic of Cameroon
 Canada
 The Central African Republic
 The Republic of Chad
 Republic of Chile
 The People's Republic of China
 The Republic of Colombia
 The Democratic Republic of Congo
 The Republic of Congo
 The Republic of Costa Rica
 The Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
 The Republic of Croatia
 The Republic of Cuba
 The Czech Republic
 The Kingdom of Denmark
 The Republic of Djibouti
 The Commonwealth of Dominica
 The Dominican Republic
 The Republic of Ecuador

The Arab Republic of Egypt
The Republic of El Salvador
The Republic of Equatorial Guinea
Republic of Estonia
The Republic of Finland
The Republic of France
The Gabonese Republic
The Republic of the Gambia
Georgia
The Federal Republic of Germany
The Republic of Ghana
Grenada
The Republic of Guatemala
The Republic of Guinea
The Republic of Guinea-Bissau
The Cooperative Republic of Guyana
The Republic of Haiti
The Hellenic Republic (Greece)
Holy See
The Republic of Honduras
The Republic of Hungary
The Republic of Iceland
The Republic of India
The Republic of Indonesia
The Islamic Republic of Iran
The Republic of Iraq
Ireland
The State of Israel
The Republic of Italy
Jamaica
Japan
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
The Republic of Kazakhstan
The Republic of Kenya
The Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Republic of Korea
Kyrgyz Republic
The Lao People's Democratic Republic
Republic of Latvia
The Republic of Lebanon
The Kingdom of Lesotho
The Republic of Liberia
The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
The Principality of Liechtenstein
The Republic of Lithuania
The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
The Republic of Macedonia
The Republic of Madagascar
The Republic of Malawi
Malaysia
The Republic of Mali
The Republic of Malta
The Islamic Republic of Mauritania
The Republic of Mauritius
The Republic of Moldova
The Principality of Monaco
Mongolia
The Kingdom of Morocco

The Republic of Mozambique
The Kingdom of Nepal
The Kingdom of the Netherlands
New Zealand
The Republic of Nicaragua
The Republic of Niger
The Federal Republic of Nigeria
The Kingdom of Norway
The Sultanate of Oman
The Republic of Panama
The Independent State of Papua New Guinea
Republic of Paraguay
The Republic of Peru
Republic of the Philippines
The Republic of Poland
The Portuguese Republic
The State of Qatar
Romania
The Russian Federation
The Republic of Rwanda
The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
The Republic of San Marino
The Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
The Republic of Senegal
The Republic of Sierra Leone
The Republic of Singapore
The Slovak Republic
The Republic of Slovenia
The Republic of South Africa
Spain
The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
The Republic of the Sudan
The Republic of Suriname
The Kingdom of Swaziland
The Kingdom of Sweden
Swiss Confederation
The Republic of Syprus (Cyprus)
The Syrian Arab Republic
The Republic of Tajikistan
The Republic of Togo
The Kingdom of Tonga
The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
The Republic of Tunisia
The Republic of Turkey
Turkmenistan
The Republic of Uganda
Ukraine
The United Arab Emirates
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
The United Republic of Tanzania
The United States of America
The United States of Mexico
Oriental Republic of Uruguay
The Republic of Uzbekistan
The Bolivar Republic of Venezuela
The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
The Republic of Zambia
The Republic of Zimbabwe

**Countries, territories and areas
which have acceded to the World
Trade Organization Agreement**

The Republic of Albania
The Republic of Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Republic of Argentina
The Commonwealth of Australia
The Republic of Austria
The State of Bahrain
The People's Republic of Bangladesh
Barbados
The Kingdom of Belgium
Belize
The Republic of Benin
The Republic of Bolivia
The Republic of Botswana
The Federative Republic of Brazil
Negara Brunei Darussalam
The Republic of Bulgaria
The Burkina Faso
The Republic of Burundi
The Republic of Cameroon
Canada
The Central African Republic
The Republic of Chad
Republic of Chile
The People's Republic of China
The Republic of Colombia
The Democratic Republic of Congo
The Republic of Congo
The Republic of Costa Rica
The Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
The Republic of Croatia
The Republic of Cuba
The Czech Republic
The Kingdom of Denmark
The Republic of Djibouti
The Commonwealth of Dominica
The Dominican Republic
The Republic of Ecuador
The Arab Republic of Egypt
The Republic of El Salvador
Republic of Estonia
European Community
The Republic of The Fiji Islands
The Republic of Finland
The Republic of France
The Gabonese Republic
The Republic of the Gambia
Georgia
The Federal Republic of Germany
The Republic of Ghana

Grenada
The Republic of Guatemala
The Republic of Guinea
The Republic of Guinea-Bissau
The Cooperative Republic of Guyana
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The Hellenic Republic (Greece)
The Republic of Honduras
The Republic of Hungary
The Republic of Iceland
The Republic of India
The Republic of Indonesia
Ireland
The State of Israel
The Republic of Italy
Jamaica
Japan
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
The Republic of Kenya
Republic of Korea
The State of Kuwait
Kyrgyz Republic
Republic of Latvia
The Kingdom of Lesotho
The Principality of Liechtenstein
The Republic of Lithuania
The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
The Macao Special Administrative Region
The Republic of Madagascar
The Republic of Malawi
Malaysia
The Republic of Maldives
The Republic of Mali
The Republic of Malta
The Islamic Republic of Mauritania
The Republic of Mauritius
The Republic of Moldova
Mongolia
The Kingdom of Morocco
The Republic of Mozambique
The Union of Myanmar
The Republic of Namibia
Netherlands—For the Kingdom in Europe and for the Netherlands Antilles
New Zealand
The Republic of Nicaragua
The Republic of Niger
The Federal Republic of Nigeria
The Kingdom of Norway
The Sultanate of Oman
The Islamic Republic of Pakistan
The Republic of Panama
The Independent State of Papua New Guinea
Republic of Paraguay
The Republic of Peru
Republic of the Philippines
The Republic of Poland
The Portuguese Republic
The State of Qatar

Romania
The Republic of Rwanda
The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
The Republic of Senegal
Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu
The Republic of Sierra Leone
The Republic of Singapore
The Slovak Republic
The Republic of Slovenia
The Solomon Islands
The Republic of South Africa
Spain
The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
The Republic of Suriname
The Kingdom of Swaziland
The Kingdom of Sweden
Swiss Confederation
The Republic of Syprus (Cyprus)
Royal Thai (Thailand)
The Republic of Togo
The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
The Republic of Tunisia
The Republic of Turkey
The Republic of Uganda
The United Arab Emirates
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
The United Republic of Tanzania
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 The Republic of Botswana
 The Federative Republic of Brazil
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 The Republic of Bulgaria
 The Burkina Faso
 The Republic of Burundi
 The Republic of Cameroon
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 The Central African Republic
 The Republic of Chad
 Republic of Chile
 The People's Republic of China
 The Republic of Colombia
 The Democratic Republic of Congo
 The Republic of Congo
 The Republic of Costa Rica
 The Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
 The Republic of Croatia
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