

L.N. 229 of 2005**INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION (CONTRACTING STATES) ORDER**

(Made by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food under section 20D of the Adoption Ordinance (Cap. 290))

1. Commencement

This Order shall come into operation on 25 January 2006.

2. Contracting States

(1) It is hereby declared that—

(a) a State specified in column 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule is a Contracting State; and

(b) a State specified in column 1 of Part 2 of the Schedule is a Contracting State in respect of the corresponding territorial unit or units specified in column 2 of Part 2 of the Schedule.

(2) The date of the coming into effect of the Convention between Hong Kong and a State specified in column 1 of the Schedule is the date set out opposite to that State in column 2 of Part 1 or column 3 of Part 2 (as the case may be) of the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

[s. 2]

LIST OF CONTRACTING STATES**PART 1**

Column 1	Column 2
Contracting States	Date of coming into effect of the Convention
The Republic of Albania	25 January 2006
The Principality of Andorra	25 January 2006
The Republic of Austria	25 January 2006
The Azerbaijani Republic	25 January 2006
The Republic of Belarus	25 January 2006

Column 1	Column 2
Contracting States	Date of coming into effect of the Convention
The Kingdom of Belgium	25 January 2006
The Republic of Bolivia	25 January 2006
The Federative Republic of Brazil	25 January 2006
The Republic of Bulgaria	25 January 2006
The Burkina Faso	25 January 2006
The Republic of Burundi	25 January 2006
The Republic of Chile	25 January 2006
The Republic of Colombia	25 January 2006
The Republic of Costa Rica	25 January 2006
The Republic of Cyprus	25 January 2006
The Czech Republic	25 January 2006
The Kingdom of Denmark	25 January 2006
The Republic of Ecuador	25 January 2006
The Republic of El Salvador	25 January 2006
The Republic of Estonia	25 January 2006
The Republic of Finland	25 January 2006
Georgia	25 January 2006
The Federal Republic of Germany	25 January 2006
The Republic of Guatemala	25 January 2006
The Republic of Guinea	25 January 2006
The Republic of Hungary	25 January 2006
The Republic of Iceland	25 January 2006
The Republic of India	25 January 2006
The State of Israel	25 January 2006
The Republic of Italy	25 January 2006
The Republic of Latvia	25 January 2006
The Republic of Lithuania	25 January 2006
The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	25 January 2006
The Republic of Madagascar	25 January 2006
The Republic of Malta	25 January 2006

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Contracting States	Date of coming into effect of the Convention
The Republic of Mauritius	25 January 2006
The United States of Mexico	25 January 2006
The Republic of Moldova	25 January 2006
The Principality of Monaco	25 January 2006
Mongolia	25 January 2006
The Kingdom of the Netherlands	25 January 2006
New Zealand	25 January 2006
The Kingdom of Norway	25 January 2006
The Republic of Panama	25 January 2006
The Republic of Paraguay	25 January 2006
The Republic of Peru	25 January 2006
The Republic of the Philippines	25 January 2006
The Republic of Poland	25 January 2006
The Portuguese Republic	25 January 2006
Romania	25 January 2006
The Republic of San Marino	25 January 2006
The Slovak Republic	25 January 2006
The Republic of Slovenia	25 January 2006
The Republic of South Africa	25 January 2006
The Kingdom of Spain	25 January 2006
The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	25 January 2006
The Kingdom of Sweden	25 January 2006
The Swiss Confederation	25 January 2006
The Kingdom of Thailand	25 January 2006
The Republic of Turkey	25 January 2006
The Oriental Republic of Uruguay	25 January 2006
The Republic of Venezuela	25 January 2006

PART 2

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Territorial unit or units in respect of which a declaration has been made under Article 45 of the Convention	Date of coming into effect of the Convention
Contracting States		
The Commonwealth of Australia	All the territorial units of Australia	25 January 2006
Canada	Alberta	25 January 2006
	British Columbia	25 January 2006
	Manitoba	25 January 2006
	New Brunswick	25 January 2006
	Newfoundland and Labrador	25 January 2006
	Northwest Territories	25 January 2006
	Nova Scotia	25 January 2006
	Nunavut	25 January 2006
	Ontario	25 January 2006
	Prince Edward Island	25 January 2006
	Quebec	1 February 2006
	Saskatchewan	25 January 2006
	Yukon Territory	25 January 2006
The French Republic	The whole of the territory of the French Republic, with the exception of its overseas territories	25 January 2006
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	England	25 January 2006
	Wales	25 January 2006
	Scotland	25 January 2006
	Northern Ireland	25 January 2006
	Isle of Man	25 January 2006

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Explanatory Note

This Order declares that each of the States specified in the Order is a Contracting State so that the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption done at the Hague on 29 May 1993 (“Convention”) shall apply to an adoption between Hong Kong and a Contracting State in relation to an application made under the Convention.