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**PART I AMENDMENT TO THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS**

**Import and Export Ordinance (Cap. 60)  
Import and Export (General) Regulations (Amendment of Seventh Schedule)  
(Republic of the Congo) Notice 2007 (L.N. 232)**

This Notice is made by the Director-General of Trade and Industry under regulation 7(2) of the Import and Export (General) Regulations (Cap. 60 sub. leg. A) (“the Regulations”). It adds the Republic of the Congo to the list of specified countries or places in the Seventh Schedule to the Regulations. Part VI of the Regulations and the Seventh Schedule to the Regulations together implement in Hong Kong an international certification scheme for rough diamonds known as the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme. The amendment made by this Notice reflects the fact that trade in rough diamonds may be carried on with the Republic of the Congo under the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.

2. The Panel on Commerce and Industry has not been consulted specifically on the Notice. Nevertheless, at its meeting on 11 November 2002, the Panel was briefed on the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2002 which provided for the implementation of an international certification scheme for rough diamonds in Hong Kong. Panel members in general supported the scheme.

## **PART II AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**

### **The Chinese University of Hong Kong Ordinance (Cap. 1109) Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) (No. 3) Statutes 2007 (L.N. 233)**

3. The Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) (No. 3) Statutes 2007 (“the Amendment Statutes”) are made by the Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong under section 13 of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Ordinance (Cap. 1109) (“the Ordinance”) with the approval of its Chancellor to amend the Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in Schedule 1 to the Ordinance –

- (a) to change the Chinese name of the degree of Master of Public Health (M.P.H.);
- (b) to repeal the requirement for undergraduate students to attend their final term of study at the University immediately before their completion of all requirements for the award of degree; and
- (c) to provide that examinations of the University are to be conducted in accordance with regulations made by the Senate from time to time.

4. The Panel on Education has not been consulted on the Amendment Statutes.

## **PART III COMMENCEMENT NOTICES**

### **Patents (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 (21 of 2007) Patents (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 (Commencement) Notice (L.N. 234)**

5. This Notice appoints 22 February 2008 as the day on which the Patents (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 (21 of 2007) (“the Ordinance”) will come into operation.

6. The Ordinance was passed on 21 November 2007 and gazetted on 30 November 2007 to amend the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514) to implement the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights of the World Trade Organization in relation to patents and public health; and to provide for incidental and related matters. Members may refer to the Bills Committee’s report to the House Committee for further information (LC Paper No. CB(1)154/07-08 refers).

7. The Panel on Commerce and Industry has not been consulted on the above Notice.

**Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Corruption) Order (L.N. 231 of 2007)**

**Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Corruption) Order (Commencement) Notice (L.N. 235)**

8. This Notice appoints 22 February 2008 as the day on which the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Corruption) Order (L.N. 231 of 2007) (“the Order”) will come into operation.

9. The resolution to approve the Order was passed by the Legislative Council on 5 December 2007. The Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation to Implement the Obligations under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption supported the moving of the Order. The Subcommittee has not expressed views on the commencement date of the Order. Members may refer to the Subcommittee’s report to the House Committee for further information (LC Paper No. CB(2)336/07-08 refers).

10. The Panel on Security has not been consulted on the above Notice.

**Concluding observation**

11. No difficulties have been observed in the legal or drafting aspects of the above items of subsidiary legislation.

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