

L.N. 5 of 2008**INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION (CONTRACTING STATES) ORDER 2008**

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

1. Commencement

This Order shall come into operation on 1 April 2008.

2. Contracting States

(1) It is hereby declared that a State specified in column 1 of the Schedule is a Contracting State.

(2) The Convention (as defined in section 20A(1) of the Ordinance) comes into effect between Hong Kong and a State specified in column 1 of the Schedule on the date set out opposite to that State in column 2 of the Schedule.

3. Section amended

Section 2(2) of the Intercountry Adoption (Contracting States) Order (Cap. 290 sub. leg. C) is amended by adding “(as defined in section 20A(1) of the Ordinance)” after “Convention”.

4. Schedule amended

Part 1 of the Schedule to the Intercountry Adoption (Contracting States) Order (Cap. 290 sub. leg. C) is amended—

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| (a) by adding— | |
| “The United States of America | 1 April 2008” |
| after— | |
| “The Republic of Albania | 25 January 2006”; |
| (b) by adding— | |
| “The Republic of Armenia | 1 June 2007” |
| after— | |
| “The Principality of Andorra | 25 January 2006”; |
| (c) by adding— | |
| “The Kingdom of Cambodia | 1 August 2007” |

- after—
 “The Republic of Burundi 25 January 2006”;
- (d) by adding—
 “The Republic of Cuba 1 June 2007”
 after—
 “The Republic of Costa Rica 25 January 2006”;
- (e) by adding—
 “The Republic of Kenya 1 June 2007”
 after—
 “The Republic of Italy 25 January 2006” .

SCHEDULE

[s. 2]

LIST OF CONTRACTING STATES

Column 1	Column 2
Contracting States	Date of coming into effect of the Convention
The United States of America	1 April 2008
The Republic of Armenia	1 June 2007
The Kingdom of Cambodia	1 August 2007
The Republic of Cuba	1 June 2007
The Republic of Kenya	1 June 2007

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 Secretary for Labour and Welfare

15 January 2008

Explanatory Note

This Order declares that the United States of America, the Republic of Armenia, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Cuba and the Republic of Kenya are Contracting States so that the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption done at the Hague on 29 May 1993 (“the Convention”) shall apply to an adoption between Hong Kong and any of those states in relation to an application made pursuant to the Convention.