

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Patents Ordinance
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(Chapter 445)

**PATENTS ORDINANCE
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1) ORDER 2014**

**REGISTERED DESIGNS ORDINANCE
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) REGULATION 2014**

**TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1) REGULATION 2014**

**LAYOUT-DESIGN (TOPOGRAPHY) OF INTEGRATED
CIRCUITS (DESIGNATION OF QUALIFYING
COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES OR AREAS)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2014**

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 13 May 2014, the Council ADVISED and the Acting Chief Executive ORDERED that

A (a) the Patents Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2014, at Annex A, should be made under section 153 of the Patents Ordinance (Cap 514) (PO);

B (b) the Registered Designs Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Regulation 2014, at Annex B, should be made under section 83 of the Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap 522) (RDO);

- C
- (c) the Trade Marks Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Regulation 2014, at Annex C, should be made under section 92 of the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap 559) (TMO); and
- D
- (d) the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2014, at Annex D, should be made under section 24 of the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits Ordinance (Cap 445) (LTICO),

to amend the relevant schedules to reflect the updated list of contracting parties to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Paris Convention) and membership position of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

JUSTIFICATIONS

2. China is a contracting party to the Paris Convention. The Central People's Government (CPG) applied the Convention to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) with effect from 1 July 1997. Besides, the HKSAR (in the name of Hong Kong, China) is a member of the WTO in its own right.

3. Under Article 4 of the Paris Convention, the HKSAR is obliged to grant to a person who has filed an application for a patent or for registration of a design or trade mark 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, Article 2.1 in Part I of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) under the WTO obliges the HKSAR to do the same in respect of an application filed in a WTO member country, territory or area.

4. We have met the above international obligations by enacting provisions in the PO, the RDO and the TMO to the effect that a person who has filed an application in a Paris Convention country or WTO member country, territory or area will enjoy a right of priority. We have also set out in a schedule to each of the three Ordinances the lists of Paris Convention countries and WTO member countries, territories or areas. The Chief Executive in Council is empowered to amend the relevant schedule to the PO by an order published in the Gazette. In the case of the RDO and the TMO, the Chief Executive in Council may amend the relevant schedules by regulation.

5. Separately, Article 35 in Part II of the TRIPS Agreement requires the HKSAR to grant the same level of intellectual property protection for layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits to nationals of other WTO member countries, territories or areas, as to the HKSAR residents. To meet this requirement, we have provided in the LTICO that the said protection will be given to nationals of such qualifying countries, territories or areas as are designated by regulation by the Chief Executive. The Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation (Integrated Circuits Regulation), with a schedule setting out those countries, territories or areas that have acceded to the WTO, has been made for this purpose.

6. The above four schedules are amended from time to time to reflect the updated list of contracting countries to the Paris Convention and membership position of the WTO. Since the previous updating exercise in 2013, one more country (i.e. the Independent State of Samoa) has become a contracting party to the Paris Convention and another (i.e. the Republic of Tajikistan) has acceded to the WTO. Further, the official names of several relevant countries as currently stated in the above four schedules require updates¹, the particulars of which are set out in Annex E.

E

7. To reflect these changes and certain corresponding changes in the Chinese names of the countries listed in Annex E, we need to amend the respective schedules to the PO, the RDO, the TMO and the Integrated Circuits Regulation.

8. As the Paris Convention was applied to the HKSAR by the CPG, we have sought its prior agreement via the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR before proposing the amendments relating to the list of Paris Convention countries in the relevant schedules to the PO, the RDO and the TMO.

THE ORDER AND REGULATIONS

9. The Patents Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2014 at Annex A, the Registered Designs Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Regulation 2014 at Annex B, the Trade Marks Ordinance (Amendment of

¹ The official name(s) of countries was updated with reference to the United Nations Multilingual Terminology Database (<http://unterm.un.org/>) and the CPG's current practice of naming countries in relation to foreign affairs, as appropriate, in consultation with the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (see paragraph 8).

Schedule 1) Regulation 2014 at Annex C and the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2014 at Annex D update the various schedules to reflect the relevant changes shown in paragraphs 6 and 7 above and Annex E.

F & G

10. Copies of the relevant empowering provisions in the Ordinances and the relevant schedules being amended are at Annexes F and G.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

11. The legislative timetable is -

Publication in the Gazette	30 May 2014
Tabling at the Legislative Council (for negative vetting)	4 June 2014
Commencement	21 November 2014

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

12. 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 PO, RDO, TMO, LTICO and the Integrated Circuits Regulation. It has no financial, civil service, economic, competition, productivity, environmental, sustainability or family implications.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

13. The proposed amendments are technical in nature. No consultation is considered necessary. We informed the Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry of the proposed amendments through an information paper in March 2014.

PUBLICITY

14. A spokesperson will be available to answer media enquiries.

ENQUIRIES

15. Enquiries on this brief should be referred to Miss Patricia So, Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Commerce and Industry) at telephone number 2810 2862.

Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch
Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
28 May 2014

Patents Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2014

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

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 21 November 2014.

2. Patents Ordinance amended

The Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedule 1 amended (Paris Convention countries and WTO member countries, territories and areas)

(1) Schedule 1, English text, list under heading “Paris Convention countries”—

Repeal

“The Democratic People’s Republic of Algeria”

Substitute

“The People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria”.

(2) Schedule 1, list under heading “Paris Convention countries”—

Repeal

“The Republic of Bolivia”

Substitute

“The Plurinational State of Bolivia”.

(3) Schedule 1, English text, list under heading “Paris Convention countries”—

Repeal

“The Republic of France”

Substitute

“The French Republic”.

(4) Schedule 1, list under heading “Paris Convention countries”—

Repeal

“The Cooperative Republic of Guyana”

Substitute

“The Republic of Guyana”.

(5) Schedule 1, list under heading “Paris Convention countries”—

Repeal

“The Republic of Hungary”

Substitute

“Hungary”.

(6) Schedule 1, English text, list under heading “Paris Convention countries”—

Repeal

“Kyrgyz Republic”

Substitute

“The Kyrgyz Republic”.

(7) Schedule 1, list under heading “Paris Convention countries”—

Repeal

“Malta”

Substitute

“The Republic of Malta”.

- (8) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Paris Convention countries**”, after item “Saint Vincent and the Grenadines”—

Add

“The Independent State of Samoa”.

- (9) Schedule 1, English text, list under heading “**Paris Convention countries**”—

(a) **Repeal**

“The United States of Mexico”;

- (b) After item “The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland”—

Add

“The United Mexican States”.

- (10) Schedule 1, list under heading “**WTO member countries, territories and areas (not including Paris Convention countries)**”—

Repeal

“The Independent State of Samoa”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2014 _____

Explanatory Note

This Order updates the lists of Paris Convention countries and WTO member countries, territories and areas contained in the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514).

Registered Designs Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Regulation 2014

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

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 21 November 2014.

2. Registered Designs Ordinance amended

The Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedule amended (Paris Convention countries and WTO members)

- (1) The Schedule, English text, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“The Democratic People’s Republic of Algeria”

Substitute

“The People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria”.

- (2) The Schedule, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“The Republic of Bolivia”

Substitute

“The Plurinational State of Bolivia”.

- (3) The Schedule, English text, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“The Republic of France”

Substitute

“The French Republic”.

- (4) The Schedule, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“The Cooperative Republic of Guyana”

Substitute

“The Republic of Guyana”.

- (5) The Schedule, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“The Republic of Hungary”

Substitute

“Hungary”.

- (6) The Schedule, English text, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“Kyrgyz Republic”

Substitute

“The Kyrgyz Republic”.

- (7) The Schedule, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“Malta”

Substitute

“The Republic of Malta”.

- (8) The Schedule, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”, after item “Saint Vincent and the Grenadines”—

Add

“The Independent State of Samoa”.

- (9) The Schedule, English text, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

(a) **Repeal**

“The United States of Mexico”;

- (b) After item “The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland”—

Add

“The United Mexican States”.

- (10) The Schedule, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement (not including countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention)**”—

Repeal

“The Independent State of Samoa”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2014

Explanatory Note

This Regulation updates the lists of Paris Convention countries and WTO members contained in the Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522).

Trade Marks Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Regulation 2014

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

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 21 November 2014.

2. Trade Marks Ordinance amended

The Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedule 1 amended (Paris Convention countries and WTO members)

- (1) Schedule 1, English text, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“The Democratic People’s Republic of Algeria”

Substitute

“The People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria”.

- (2) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“The Republic of Bolivia”

Substitute

“The Plurinational State of Bolivia”.

- (3) Schedule 1, English text, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“The Republic of France”

Substitute

“The French Republic”.

- (4) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“The Cooperative Republic of Guyana”

Substitute

“The Republic of Guyana”.

- (5) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“The Republic of Hungary”

Substitute

“Hungary”.

- (6) Schedule 1, English text, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“Kyrgyz Republic”

Substitute

“The Kyrgyz Republic”.

- (7) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

Repeal

“Malta”

Substitute

“The Republic of Malta”.

- (8) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”, after item “Saint Vincent and the Grenadines”—

Add

“The Independent State of Samoa”.

- (9) Schedule 1, English text, list under heading “**Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention**”—

(a) **Repeal**

“The United States of Mexico”;

- (b) After item “The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland”—

Add

“The United Mexican States”.

- (10) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”—

Repeal

“The Republic of Bolivia”

Substitute

“The Plurinational State of Bolivia”.

- (11) Schedule 1, English text, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”—

Repeal

“The Republic of France”

Substitute

“The French Republic”.

- (12) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”—

Repeal

“The Cooperative Republic of Guyana”

Substitute

“The Republic of Guyana”.

- (13) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”—

Repeal

“The Republic of Hungary”

Substitute

“Hungary”.

- (14) Schedule 1, English text, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”—

Repeal

“Kyrgyz Republic”

Substitute

“The Kyrgyz Republic”.

- (15) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”—

Repeal

“Malta”

Substitute

“The Republic of Malta”.

- (16) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”, after item “Swiss Confederation”—

Add

“The Republic of Tajikistan”.

- (17) Schedule 1, English text, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”—

(a) **Repeal**

“The United States of Mexico”;

- (b) After item “The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland”—

Add

“The United Mexican States”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2014

Explanatory Note

This Regulation updates the lists of Paris Convention countries and WTO members contained in the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559).

**Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits
(Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or
Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2014**

(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 comes into operation on 21 November 2014.

2. Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation amended

The Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation (Cap. 445 sub. leg. B) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedule amended (qualifying countries, territories or areas)

(1) The Schedule—

Repeal

“The Republic of Bolivia”

Substitute

“The Plurinational State of Bolivia”.

(2) The Schedule, English text—

Repeal

“The Republic of France”

Substitute

“The French Republic”.

(3) The Schedule—

Repeal

“The Cooperative Republic of Guyana”

Substitute

“The Republic of Guyana”.

(4) The Schedule—

Repeal

“The Republic of Hungary”

Substitute

“Hungary”.

(5) The Schedule, English text—

Repeal

“Kyrgyz Republic”

Substitute

“The Kyrgyz Republic”.

(6) The Schedule—

Repeal

“Malta”

Substitute

“The Republic of Malta”.

(7) The Schedule, after item “Swiss Confederation”—

Add

“The Republic of Tajikistan”.

- (8) The Schedule, English text—
- (a) **Repeal**
“The United States of Mexico”;
- (b) After item “The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland”—
Add
“The United Mexican States”.

Chief Executive

2014

Explanatory Note

This Regulation updates the list of qualifying countries, territories or areas contained in the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation (Cap. 445 sub. leg. B).

Update of Official Country Names

<u>Name(s) of Paris Convention Countries and WTO Members on the current Schedules to the Ordinances / Regulation concerned¹</u>	<u>Updated Official Name(s)</u>
(a) The Democratic People's Republic of Algeria	The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
(b) The Republic of Bolivia	The Plurinational State of Bolivia
(c) The Republic of France	The French Republic
(d) The Cooperative Republic of Guyana	The Republic of Guyana
(e) The Republic of Hungary	Hungary
(f) Kyrgyz Republic	The Kyrgyz Republic
(g) Malta	The Republic of Malta
(h) The United States of Mexico	The United Mexican States

¹ The country in item (a) is a contracting party to the Paris Convention whereas countries in items (b) to (h) are members to the WTO as well as contracting parties to the Paris Convention.

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: 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	Gazette 22 of 1999
	ORDINANCE	Number:
Section: 83	Heading: Regulations	Version 01/07/1997
		Date:

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:	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)

Schedule:	1	PARIS CONVENTION COUNTRIES AND WTO MEMBER COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES AND AREAS	L.N. 62 of 2013	28/06/2013
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[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
 The Principality of Andorra
 The Republic of Angola
 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 Kingdom 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
 Brunei Darussalam
 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
 Union of the Comoros
 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 Republic of Cyprus
 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
Kyrghyz Republic
The Lao People's Democratic Republic
Republic of Latvia
The Republic of Lebanon
The Kingdom of Lesotho
The Republic of Liberia
Libya
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
Malta
The Islamic Republic of Mauritania
The Republic of Mauritius
The Republic of Moldova
The Principality of Monaco
Mongolia
Montenegro
The Kingdom of Morocco
The Republic of Mozambique
The Republic of Namibia
The Federal Democratic Republic 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 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 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 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
The Republic of Senegal
The Republic of Serbia
The Republic of Seychelles
The Republic of Sierra Leone
The Republic of Singapore
The Slovak Republic
The Republic of Slovenia
The Republic of South Africa
The Kingdom of 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 Syrian Arab Republic
The Republic of Tajikistan
The Kingdom of Thailand

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 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
 The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
 The Republic of Yemen
 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 Cape Verde
 European Union
 The Republic of Fiji
 The State of Kuwait
 The Macao Special Administrative Region
 The Republic of Maldives
 The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
 The Independent State of Samoa
 Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu
 The Solomon Islands
 The Republic of Vanuatu

(Amended L.N. 341 of 1998; L.N. 66 of 2002; L.N. 217 of 2005; L.N. 252 of 2009; L.N. 62 of 2013)

Schedule:	2	REGISTRATION OF PATENTS ORDINANCE	30/06/1997
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[section 156(2)]

Section 7G of the Registration of Patents Ordinance (Cap 42) as applying for the purposes of section 156(1) of this Ordinance reads-

"7G. Transitional

(1) Any question whether-

- (a) an act done before the commencement date by the Government or a person authorized by the Governor under section 7B, as it read immediately before the commencement date, constitutes the use of a patented invention for the services of the Crown, or
- (b) any payment falls to be made in respect of any such use (whether to a person entitled to register a patent for the invention, to the patentee or to an exclusive licensee),

United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Ordinance (Cap 44), shall, if in force on the commencement of this Ordinance, and so far as it could have been done under this Ordinance, continue in force and have effect as if done under the corresponding provisions of this Ordinance.

(3) A reference in any document to the United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Ordinance (Cap 44) shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to this Ordinance.

Schedule:	SCHEDULE	L.N. 63 of 2013	28/06/2013
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[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
The Principality of Andorra
The Republic of Angola
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 Kingdom 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
Brunei Darussalam
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
Union of the Comoros
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 Republic of Cyprus
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
Libya
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
Malta
The Islamic Republic of Mauritania
The Republic of Mauritius
The Republic of Moldova
The Principality of Monaco
Mongolia
Montenegro
The Kingdom of Morocco
The Republic of Mozambique
The Republic of Namibia
The Federal Democratic Republic 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 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
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The Russian Federation
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Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
The Republic of San Marino
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The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
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The Republic of Serbia
The Republic of Seychelles
The Republic of Sierra Leone
The Republic of Singapore
The Slovak Republic
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The Republic of South Africa
The Kingdom of Spain
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The Republic of the Sudan
The Republic of Suriname
The Kingdom of Swaziland
The Kingdom of Sweden
Swiss Confederation

The Syrian Arab Republic
The Republic of Tajikistan
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The Republic of Tunisia
The Republic of Turkey
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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 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
The Republic of Yemen
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 Cape Verde
European Union
The Republic of Fiji
The State of Kuwait
The Macao Special Administrative Region
The Republic of Maldives
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
The Independent State of Samoa
Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu
The Solomon Islands
The Republic of Vanuatu

(Amended L.N. 340 of 1998; L.N. 65 of 2002; L.N. 215 of 2005; L.N. 253 of 2009; L.N. 63 of 2013)

(b) any person in accordance with whose directions or instructions the directors of a corporation are accustomed to act.

(4) A person shall not be treated as a director of a corporation by reason only that the directors of the corporation act on advice given by him in a professional capacity.

Part:	XIII	TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS, CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS	L.N. 31 of 2003	04/04/2003
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Section:	97	Transitional matters, etc.	L.N. 31 of 2003	04/04/2003
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(1) Schedule 5 (transitional matters) has effect as respects transitional matters.

(2) The Chief Executive in Council may make regulations containing provisions of a savings or transitional nature consequent on the enactment of this Ordinance.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2), the regulations may in particular provide for-

(a) the application of provisions of this Ordinance or the rules made under this Ordinance; or

(b) the continued application of provisions of the repealed Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap 43) or the repealed Trade Marks Rules (Cap 43 sub. leg. A),

in connection with any matter specified in the regulations.

(4) Regulations made under this section may, if they so provide, be deemed to have come into operation on a date earlier than the date on which they are published in the Gazette but not earlier than the date on which Schedule 5 (transitional matters) comes into operation.

(5) To the extent that any regulations come into operation on a date earlier than the date on which they are published in the Gazette, those regulations shall be construed so as not to-

(a) affect, in a manner prejudicial to any person, the rights of that person existing before the date on which the regulations are published in the Gazette; or

(b) impose liabilities on any person in respect of anything done, or omitted to be done, before that date.

(6) In the event of an inconsistency between any regulations made under this section and the provisions of Schedule 5, the latter shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

Section:	98	(Omitted as spent)	L.N. 31 of 2003	04/04/2003
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(Omitted as spent)

Section:	99	Repeals	L.N. 31 of 2003	04/04/2003
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(1) The Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap 43) is repealed.

(2) The Trade Marks Rules (Cap 43 sub. leg. A) are repealed.

(3) The Trade Marks (Emergency) Ordinance (Cap 263) is repealed.

(4) The Trade Marks (Emergency) Rules (Cap 263 sub. leg. A) are repealed.

Schedule:	1	PARIS CONVENTION COUNTRIES AND WTO MEMBERS	L.N. 64 of 2013	28/06/2013
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[sections 2 & 92]

Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention

The Republic of Albania

The Democratic People's Republic of Algeria

The Principality of Andorra

The Republic of Angola

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 Kingdom 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
Brunei Darussalam
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
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The Republic of Equatorial Guinea
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The Republic of Finland
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The Gabonese Republic
The Republic of the Gambia
Georgia
The Federal Republic of Germany
The Republic of Ghana

Grenada
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The Republic of Honduras
The Republic of Hungary
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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
Kyrghyz Republic
The Lao People's Democratic Republic
Republic of Latvia
The Republic of Lebanon
The Kingdom of Lesotho
The Republic of Liberia
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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
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The Republic of Mali
Malta
The Islamic Republic of Mauritania
The Republic of Mauritius
The Republic of Moldova
The Principality of Monaco
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Montenegro
The Kingdom of Morocco
The Republic of Mozambique
The Republic of Namibia
The Federal Democratic Republic 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 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 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 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
The Republic of Senegal
The Republic of Serbia
The Republic of Seychelles
The Republic of Sierra Leone
The Republic of Singapore
The Slovak Republic
The Republic of Slovenia
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The Kingdom of 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 Syrian Arab Republic
The Republic of Tajikistan
The Kingdom of Thailand
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 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
The Republic of Yemen
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 Republic of Armenia
The Commonwealth of Australia
The Republic of Austria
The Kingdom 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
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The Republic of Bulgaria
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The Republic of Burundi
Kingdom of Cambodia
The Republic of Cameroon
Canada
The Republic of Cape Verde
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 Republic of Cyprus
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 Union

The Republic of Fiji
The Republic of Finland
The Republic of France
The Gabonese Republic
The Republic of the Gambia
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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)
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Republic of Korea
The State of Kuwait
Kyrghyz Republic
The Lao People' s Democratic 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 Macedonia
The Republic of Madagascar
The Republic of Malawi
Malaysia
The Republic of Maldives
The Republic of Mali
Malta
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The Republic of Mauritius
The Republic of Moldova
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The Kingdom of Morocco
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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
The Republic of Namibia
The Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
The Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Republic of Paraguay
The Republic of Peru
Republic of the Philippines
The Republic of Poland
The Portuguese Republic
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The Solomon Islands
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The Republic of Tunisia
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Schedule:	2	DETERMINATION OF WELL-KNOWN TRADE MARKS	L.N. 31 of 2003	04/04/2003
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[sections 4 & 92]

1. Factors for consideration

(1) In determining for the purposes of section 4 (meaning of "well-known trade mark") whether a trade mark is well known in Hong Kong, the Registrar or the court shall take into account any factors from which it may be inferred that the trade mark is well known in Hong Kong.

(2) In particular, the Registrar or the court shall consider any information submitted to the Registrar or the court from which it may be inferred that the trade mark is, or is not, well known in Hong Kong, including, but not limited to, information concerning the following-

- (a) the degree of knowledge or recognition of the trade mark in the relevant sectors of the public;
- (b) the duration, extent and geographical area of any use of the trade mark;
- (c) the duration, extent and geographical area of any promotion of the trade mark, including advertising or publicity and the presentation, at fairs or exhibitions, of the goods or services to which the trade mark applies;
- (d) the duration and geographical area of any registrations, or any applications for registration, of the trade mark, to the extent that they reflect use or recognition of the trade mark;
- (e) the record of successful enforcement of rights in the trade mark, in particular, the extent to which the trade mark has been recognized as a well-known trade mark by competent authorities in foreign jurisdictions; and
- (f) the value associated with the trade mark.

(3) The factors mentioned in subsection (2) are intended to serve as guidelines to assist the Registrar and the court to determine whether the trade mark is well known in Hong Kong. It is not a precondition for reaching that determination that information be submitted with respect to any of those factors or that equal weight be given to each of them. Rather, the determination in each case will depend upon the particular circumstances of that case. In some cases all of the factors may be relevant. In other cases some of the factors may be relevant. In still other cases none of the factors may be relevant, and the decision may be based on additional factors that are not mentioned in subsection (2). Such additional factors may be relevant alone, or in combination with one or more of the factors mentioned in subsection (2).

(4) For the purpose of subsection (2)(a), "relevant sectors of the public" (有關的公眾界別) includes, but is not limited to-

- (a) actual or potential consumers of the type of goods or services to which the trade mark applies;
- (b) persons involved in channels of distribution of the type of goods or services to which the trade mark applies; and
- (c) business circles dealing with the type of goods or services to which the trade mark applies.

(5) Where a trade mark is determined to be well known in at least one relevant sector of the public in Hong Kong, it shall be considered to be well known in Hong Kong.

(6) For the purpose of subsection (2)(e), "competent authorities in foreign jurisdictions" (外地主管當局) means administrative, judicial or quasi-judicial authorities in jurisdictions other than Hong Kong that are competent to determine whether a trade mark is a well-known trade mark, or in enforcing the protection of well-known trade marks, in their respective jurisdictions.

2. Factors not required to be established

For the purpose of determining whether a trade mark is well known in Hong Kong, it is not necessary to establish-

- (a) that the trade mark has been used, or has been registered, in Hong Kong;
- (b) that an application for registration of the trade mark has been filed in Hong Kong;

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Section:	2	Designation of qualifying countries, territories or areas	L.N. 67 of 2002	11/07/2002
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The countries, territories or areas specified in the Schedule are designated as qualifying countries, territories or areas.

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[section 2]

QUALIFYING COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES OR AREAS

The Republic of Albania
The Republic of Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Republic of Argentina
The Republic of Armenia
The Commonwealth of Australia
The Republic of Austria
The Kingdom of Bahrain
The People's Republic of Bangladesh
Barbados
The Kingdom of Belgium
Belize
The Republic of Benin
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(L.N. 218 of 2005; L.N. 255 of 2009; L.N. 65 of 2013)