

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF**

Patents Ordinance  
(Chapter 514)  
Registered Designs Ordinance  
(Chapter 522)  
Trade Marks Ordinance  
(Chapter 559)  
Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits Ordinance  
(Chapter 445)

**PATENTS ORDINANCE  
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1) ORDER 2015**

**REGISTERED DESIGNS ORDINANCE  
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) REGULATION 2015**

**TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE  
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1) REGULATION 2015**

**LAYOUT-DESIGN (TOPOGRAPHY) OF INTEGRATED  
CIRCUITS (DESIGNATION OF QUALIFYING  
COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES OR AREAS)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2015**

**INTRODUCTION**

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 14 April 2015, the Council ADVISED and the Chief Executive ORDERED that, for the purpose of amending 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) -

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- (a) the Patents Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2015, at Annex A, should be made under section 153 of the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514) (PO);
  - (b) the Registered Designs Ordinance (Amendment of

- B Schedule) Regulation 2015, 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 2015, at Annex C, should be made under section 92 of the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559) (TMO); and
- (d) the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2015, at Annex D, should be made under section 24 of the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits Ordinance (Cap. 445) (LTICO).
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## **JUSTIFICATIONS**

2. China is a contracting party to the Paris Convention. The Central People's Government (CPG) applied the Paris 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 regime obliges the HKSAR to do the same in respect of an application filed in a WTO member country, territory or area.

4. We have complied with the above international obligations by making specific 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 when filing the same application in the HKSAR within a prescribed period. We have also set out in a schedule to each of the afore-mentioned Ordinances the lists of Paris Convention countries and WTO member countries, territories and areas. In this regard, 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 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 (Cap 445 sub. leg. B) (“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. We have been undertaking annual exercises to update the above-mentioned Schedules to reflect the updated list of contracting parties to the Paris Convention and membership position of WTO. The last round of updates was implemented by Order and Regulations tabled at the Legislative Council on 4 June 2014 for negative vetting. Since then, one more country (i.e. the State of Kuwait) has become a contracting party to the Paris Convention and one more country (i.e. the Republic of Yemen) has become a member of the WTO. Moreover, the official English name of a member of the WTO (i.e. the Republic of Cabo Verde) has to be updated with reference to the United Nations Multilingual Terminology Database, with a view to achieving consistency in terminology. In addition, a revision to the Chinese heading of the second part of the Schedule to the RDO is required to achieve textual consistency with its corresponding English heading. A summary of the proposed amendments is set out in E Annex E.

7. To reflect the changes as 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 the prior approval of the CPG 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 2015 at Annex A, the Registered Designs Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Regulation 2015 at Annex B, the Trade Marks Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Regulation 2015 at Annex C and the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 at Annex D are proposed to update the various schedules so as to reflect the relevant changes shown in Annex E.

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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	12 June 2015
Tabling at the Legislative Council (for negative vetting)	17 June 2015
Commencement	27 November 2015

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL**

12. The proposed Order and Regulations are in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights. They will not affect the current binding effect of the PO, RDO, TMO, LTICO and the Integrated Circuits Regulation. They have 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 February 2015.

**PUBLICITY**

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

**ENQUIRIES**

15. Enquiries on this brief should be referred to Miss Fabia TAM, 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  
9 June 2015

**Patents Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order  
2015**

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

**1. Commencement**

This Order comes into operation on 27 November 2015.

**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, list under heading “Paris Convention countries”,  
after item “Republic of Korea”—

**Add**

“The State of Kuwait”.

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

**Repeal**

“The Republic of Cape Verde”

**Substitute**

“The Republic of Cabo Verde”.

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

**Repeal**

“The State of Kuwait”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2015

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**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 2015**

(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 27 November 2015.
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, list under heading “Countries which have  
acceded to the Paris Convention”, after item “Republic of  
Korea”—  
**Add**  
“The State of Kuwait”.
  - (2) The Schedule, Chinese text, heading “已加入《世界貿易組  
織協議》的國家、地區或地方(但並不包括已加入《巴黎  
公約》的國家)—  
**Repeal**  
“或”  
**Substitute**  
“及”.
  - (3) The Schedule, English text, 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 Republic of Cape Verde”

**Substitute**

“The Republic of Cabo Verde”.

- (4) 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 State of Kuwait”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2015

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### **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 2015**

(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 27 November 2015.

**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, list under heading “Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention”, after item “Republic of Korea”—

**Add**

“The State of Kuwait”.

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

(a) **Repeal**

“The Republic of Cape Verde”;

(b) After item “The Republic of Burundi”—

**Add**

“The Republic of Cabo Verde”.

(3) Schedule 1, list under heading “Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement”, after item “The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam”—

**Add**

“The Republic of Yemen”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2015

**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 2015**

(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)

“The Republic of Yemen”.

Chief Executive

**1. Commencement**

This Regulation comes into operation on 27 November 2015.

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**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, English text—

**(a) Repeal**

“The Republic of Cape Verde”;

**(b) After item “The Republic of Burundi”—**

**Add**

“The Republic of Cabo Verde”.

(2) The Schedule, after item “The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam”—

**Add**

Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying  
Countries, Territories or Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2015

Explanatory Note

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**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).

**Summary of Proposed Amendments**

**I. Update of contracting parties to the Paris Convention**

**Patents Ordinance (Cap.514)**

To add “The State of Kuwait” (科威特國) to the list of “Paris Convention countries” in Schedule 1.

To delete “The State of Kuwait” (科威特國) from the list of “WTO member countries, territories and areas (not including Paris Convention countries)” in Schedule 1.

**Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522)**

To add “The State of Kuwait” (科威特國) to the list of “Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention” in the Schedule.

To delete “The State of Kuwait” (科威特國) from the list of “Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement (not including countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention)” in the Schedule.

**Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap.559)**

To add “The State of Kuwait” (科威特國) to the list of “Countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention” in Schedule 1.

## **II. Update of the membership position of the WTO**

### Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap.559)

To add “The Republic of Yemen” (也門共和國) to the list of “Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement” in Schedule 1.

### Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits - (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation (Cap.445B)

To add “The Republic of Yemen” (也門共和國) to the list of “Qualifying countries, territories or areas” in the Schedule.

## **III. Update of official country name**

### Patents Ordinance (Cap.514), Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap.522), Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap.559), Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits - (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation (Cap.445B)

To replace the official English name of “the Republic of Cape Verde” by “The Republic of Cabo Verde”.

## **IV. Amendment of the Chinese version of the heading of the second part of the Schedule to the Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap.522)**

To replace “已加入《世界貿易組織協議》的國家、地區或地方(但並不包括已加入《巴黎公約》的國家)” by “已加入《世界貿易組織協議》的國家、地區及地方(但並不包括已加入《巴黎公約》的國家)”.

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

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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: <b>REGISTERED DESIGNS</b>	Gazette 22 of 1999
	<b>ORDINANCE</b>	Number:
Section: 83	Heading: <b>Regulations</b>	Version 01/07/1997
		Date:

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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: <b>TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE</b>	Gazette Number:	L.N. 31 of 2003
Section: 92	Heading: <b>Regulations</b>	Version Date:	04/04/2003

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

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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. 68 of 2014	21/11/2014
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[sections 2 &amp; 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 People's Democratic 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 Plurinational State 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 French Republic  
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 Republic of Guyana  
The Republic of Haiti  
The Hellenic Republic (Greece)  
Holy See  
The Republic of Honduras  
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  
The 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

The Republic of 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 Independent State of Samoa  
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 Mexican States  
 The United Republic of Tanzania  
 The United States of America  
 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  
 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; L.N. 68 of 2014)  
 (Format changes—E.R. 2 of 2014)

Schedule:	2	<b>Registration of Patents Ordinance</b>	E.R. 2 of 2014	10/04/2014
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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),

shall be determined in accordance with sections 7B to 7D as they read immediately before the commencement date.

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. 69 of 2014	21/11/2014
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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 People's Democratic 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 Plurinational State 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 French Republic  
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 Republic of Guyana  
The Republic of Haiti  
The Hellenic Republic (Greece)  
Holy See  
The Republic of Honduras  
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  
The 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  
The Republic of 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 Independent State of Samoa  
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 Mexican States  
The United Republic of Tanzania  
The United States of America  
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  
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; L.N. 69 of 2014)  
(Format changes—E.R. 2 of 2014)

(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	<b>TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS, CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS</b>	L.N. 31 of 2003	04/04/2003
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Section:	97	<b>Transitional matters, etc.</b>	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	<b>(Omitted as spent)</b>	L.N. 31 of 2003	04/04/2003
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(Omitted as spent)

Section:	99	<b>Repeals</b>	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	<b>Paris Convention Countries and WTO Members</b>	L.N. 70 of 2014	21/11/2014
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[sections 2 & 92]

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

The Republic of Albania

The People's Democratic 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 Plurinational State 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 French Republic  
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 Republic of Guyana  
The Republic of Haiti  
The Hellenic Republic (Greece)  
Holy See  
The Republic of Honduras  
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  
The 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  
The Republic of 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 Independent State of Samoa  
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  
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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 Mexican States  
The United Republic of Tanzania  
The United States of America  
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 Plurinational State of Bolivia  
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 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 French Republic



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 Republic of Guyana  
The Republic of Haiti  
The Hellenic Republic (Greece)  
The Republic of Honduras  
Hungary  
The Republic of Iceland  
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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  
The Kyrgyz 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  
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The Republic of Madagascar  
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The Republic of Maldives  
The Republic of Mali  
The Republic of Malta  
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The Republic of Mauritius  
The Republic of Moldova  
Mongolia  
Montenegro  
The Kingdom of Morocco  
The Republic of Mozambique  
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
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 Independent State of Samoa  
 The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
 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  
 The Kingdom of 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 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  
 The Republic of Uganda  
 Ukraine  
 The United Arab Emirates  
 The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
 The United Mexican States  
 The United Republic of Tanzania  
 The United States of America  
 Oriental Republic of Uruguay  
 The Republic of Vanuatu  
 The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela  
 The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam  
 The Republic of Zambia  
 The Republic of Zimbabwe  
 (Schedule 1 amended L.N. 181 of 2002; L.N. 216 of 2005; L.N. 254 of 2009; L.N. 64 of 2013; L.N. 70 of 2014)

Chapter:	445B	<b>Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation</b>	Gazette Number	Version Date
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Section:		<b>Empowering section</b>	E.R. 2 of 2014	10/04/2014
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(Enacting provision omitted—E.R. 2 of 2014)

[11 July 2002]

(Originally L.N. 67 of 2002)

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**Note:**

\* The format of the Regulation has been updated to the current legislative styles.

Section:	1	<b>(Omitted as spent—E.R. 2 of 2014)</b>	E.R. 2 of 2014	10/04/2014
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Section:	2	<b>Designation of qualifying countries, territories or areas</b>	E.R. 2 of 2014	10/04/2014
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The countries, territories or areas specified in the Schedule are designated as qualifying countries, territories or areas.

Section:	3	<b>(Omitted as spent—E.R. 2 of 2014)</b>	E.R. 2 of 2014	10/04/2014
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Schedule:		<b>Schedule</b>	L.N. 71 of 2014	21/11/2014
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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  
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The Republic of Benin  
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The Republic of Bulgaria  
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The Republic of Burundi  
Kingdom of Cambodia

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The Republic of Colombia  
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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  
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The Republic of Fiji  
The Republic of Finland  
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The Gabonese Republic  
The Republic of the Gambia  
Georgia  
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The Republic of Ghana  
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The State of Kuwait  
The Kyrgyz 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  
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The Islamic Republic of Mauritania  
The Republic of Mauritius  
The Republic of Moldova  
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The Kingdom of Sweden  
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The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam  
The Republic of Zambia  
The Republic of Zimbabwe

(L.N. 218 of 2005; L.N. 255 of 2009; L.N. 65 of 2013; L.N. 71 of 2014)

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

CPG	- Central People's Government
HKSAR	- Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Integrated Circuits Regulation	- Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation
LTICO	- Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits Ordinance
OCMFA	- Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China
Paris Convention	- Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property
PO	- Patents Ordinance
RDO	- Registered Designs Ordinance
TMO	- Trade Marks Ordinance
TRIPS Agreement	- Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
WTO	- World Trade Organization