

**L.N. 153 of 2014**

**Intercountry Adoption (Contracting States) (Amendment)  
Order 2014**

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

**1. Intercountry Adoption (Contracting States) Order amended**

The Intercountry Adoption (Contracting States) Order (Cap. 290 sub. leg. C) is amended as set out in section 2.

**2. Schedule amended (list of Contracting States)**

(1) The Schedule, Part 1—

**Repeal**

“Netherlands, The Kingdom of the 25 January 2006”.

(2) The Schedule, Part 1—

**Add in alphabetical order**

“Belize	1 April 2006
Croatia, The Republic of	1 April 2014
Dominican Republic, The	1 March 2007
Fiji, The Republic of	1 August 2012
Haiti, The Republic of	1 April 2014
Hellenic Republic, The	1 January 2010
Ireland	1 November 2010
Kazakhstan, The Republic of	1 November 2010
Lesotho, The Kingdom of	1 December 2012
Liechtenstein, The Principality of	1 May 2009

Section 2

Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of	1 April 2009
Mali, The Republic of	1 September 2006
Montenegro	1 July 2012
Rwanda, The Republic of	1 July 2012
Senegal, The Republic of	1 December 2011
Serbia, The Republic of	1 April 2014
Seychelles, The Republic of	1 October 2008
Swaziland, The Kingdom of	1 July 2013
Viet Nam, The Socialist Republic of	1 February 2012”.

(3) The Schedule, Part 2—

**Add in alphabetical order**

“Netherlands, The Kingdom of the	The European part of the Netherlands	25 January 2006
	Bonaire	1 February 2011
	Saba	1 February 2011
	Sint Eustatius	1 February 2011”.

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### **Explanatory Note**

This Order amends the Schedule to the Intercountry Adoption (Contracting States) Order (Cap. 290 sub. leg. C)—

- (a) to add 19 Contracting States to Part 1 of the Schedule so that the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption (***Convention***) applies to an adoption between Hong Kong and any of those states in relation to an application made pursuant to the Convention; and
- (b) to reflect the change in the applicability of the Convention to different regions of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.