L.N. 233 of 2003

TRADE DESCRIPTIONS (COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) (WATCHES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2003

(Made under section 2(2)(b)(ii) of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362))

1. Commencement

This Order shall come into operation on 1 January 2004.

2. Specification of country of origin of watches

Section 2 of the Trade Descriptions (Country of Origin)(Watches) Order (Cap. 362 sub. leg. D) is amended—

- (a) by renumbering it as section 2(1);
- (b) by adding—
 - "(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any watch that has been exported, or is intended to be exported, from Hong Kong to the Mainland under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement and that is qualified for a zero tariff under the Arrangement.
 - (3) In this section—
 - "the Mainland" (內地) means any part of China other than Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan;
 - "Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement" (《內地與香港關於建立更緊密經貿關係的安排》) means the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement entered into between the Central People's Government and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and signed on 29 June 2003 (including the annexes signed on 29 September 2003), as amended from time to time."

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Explanatory Note

This Order amends the Trade Descriptions (Country of Origin) (Watches) Order (Cap. 362 sub. leg. D) for the purpose of allowing locally assembled watches that have been exported, or are intended to be exported, from Hong Kong to the Mainland of China under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement to be marked as being of Hong Kong origin.