

**L.N. 255 of 2009****LAYOUT-DESIGN (TOPOGRAPHY) OF INTEGRATED  
CIRCUITS (DESIGNATION OF QUALIFYING  
COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES OR AREAS)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2009**

(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 26 February 2010.

**2. Qualifying countries, territories or areas**

(1) The Schedule to the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) Regulation (Cap. 445 sub. leg. B) is amended by repealing “The State of Bahrain” and substituting “The Kingdom of Bahrain”.

(2) The Schedule is amended, in the English text, by repealing “The Republic of Malta” and substituting “Malta”.

(3) The Schedule is amended by repealing “The Kingdom of Nepal” and substituting “The Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal”.

(4) The Schedule is amended by repealing “Spain” and substituting “The Kingdom of Spain”.

(5) The Schedule is amended—

(a) by repealing “The Republic of Syprus (Cyprus)”;

(b) by adding “The Republic of Cyprus”.

(6) The Schedule is amended, in the English text, by repealing “Royal Thai (Thailand)” and substituting “The Kingdom of Thailand”.

(7) The Schedule is amended, in the English text, by repealing “The Bolivar Republic of Venezuela” and substituting “The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela”.

(8) The Schedule is amended by adding—

(a) “The Republic of Cape Verde”;

(b) “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”;

(c) “The Kingdom of Tonga”;

(d) “Ukraine”;

(e) “The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam”.

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### **Explanatory Note**

This Regulation updates the list of qualifying countries, territories or areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement.