

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Patents Ordinance
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**PATENTS ORDINANCE
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1) ORDER 2013**

**REGISTERED DESIGNS ORDINANCE
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) REGULATION 2013**

**TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE
(AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1) REGULATION 2013**

**LAYOUT-DESIGN (TOPOGRAPHY) OF INTEGRATED
CIRCUITS (DESIGNATION OF QUALIFYING
COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES OR AREAS)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2013**

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 23 April 2013, the Council ADVISED and the Chief Executive ORDERED that -

- (a) the Patents Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2013, at Annex A, should be made under section 153 of the Patents Ordinance (Cap 514);

- B (b) the Registered Designs Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Regulation 2013, at Annex B, should be made under section 83 of the Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap 522);
- C (c) the Trade Marks Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Regulation 2013, at Annex C, should be made under section 92 of the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap 559); and
- D (d) the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2013, at Annex D, should be made under section 24 of the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits Ordinance (Cap 445),

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 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 Patents Ordinance (PO), the Registered Designs Ordinance (RDO) and the Trade Marks Ordinance (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 Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits Ordinance 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 February 2010, one more country (i.e. Brunei Darussalam¹) has become a contracting party to the Paris Convention and five more countries (i.e. the Lao People's Democratic Republic; Montenegro; the Russian Federation; the Independent State of Samoa; and the Republic of Vanuatu) have acceded to the WTO. Further, the official names of several relevant countries, territories or areas as currently stated in the above four schedules require updates, the particulars of which are as follows -

	<u>Name of Paris Convention Country on the current Schedules to the Ordinances concerned</u>	<u>Updated Name</u>	<u>Official Name</u>
(a)	The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Libya	

¹ Brunei Darussalam is also known as Negara Brunei Darussalam, and the latter has already been stated in the respective schedules to the PO, the RDO, the TMO and Integrated Circuits Regulation as an existing WTO member. This updating exercise will also amend the English name of "Negara Brunei Darussalam" in these schedules to "Brunei Darussalam".

<u>Names of WTO Members on the current Schedules to the Ordinances / Regulation concerned</u>	<u>Updated Official Names</u>
(b) European Community	European Union
(c) The Republic of The Fiji Islands	The Republic of Fiji
(d) The Union of Myanmar	The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
(e) Netherlands – For the Kingdom in Europe and for the Netherlands Antilles	The Kingdom of the Netherlands
(f) Negara Brunei Darussalam	Brunei Darussalam

7. To reflect these changes and corresponding changes in the Chinese names of the above countries, territories or areas, we need to amend the respective schedules to the PO, the RDO, the TMO and the Integrated Circuits Regulation. We would also like to take the opportunity to add “European Union” to the WTO membership list in the Schedule to the Integrated Circuits Regulation (paragraph 5 above), as it is a member of the WTO in its own right.²

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 2013 at Annex A, the Registered Designs Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Regulation 2013 at Annex B, the Trade Marks Ordinance (Amendment of

² The European Union (in the name of the European Community) and all its member countries being WTO members have been included in the schedules to the PO, the RDO and the TMO. For the Integrated Circuits Regulation, all European Union member countries being WTO members have also been designated in its Schedule. Inclusion of the “European Union” to the Schedule to the Integrated Circuits Regulation will ensure consistency with the PO, the RDO and the TMO.

Schedule 1) Regulation 2013 at Annex C and the Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 at Annex D update the various schedules to reflect the relevant changes shown in paragraphs 6 and 7 above.

E & F

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

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

11. The legislative timetable is -

Publication in the Gazette	3 May 2013
Tabling at the Legislative Council (for negative vetting)	8 May 2013
Commencement	28 June 2013

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 Ordinances and subsidiary legislation concerned. 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 2013.

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
30 April 2013

Patents Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2013

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

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 28 June 2013.

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 “The Federative Republic of Brazil”—

Add

“Brunei Darussalam”.

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

Repeal

“The Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya”

Substitute

“Libya”.

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

Repeal

“Negara Brunei Darussalam”.

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

Repeal

“European Community”

Substitute

“European Union”.

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

Repeal

“The Republic of The Fiji Islands”

Substitute

“The Republic of Fiji”.

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

Repeal

“The Union of Myanmar”

Substitute

“The Republic of the Union of Myanmar”.

(7) Schedule 1, list under heading “WTO member countries, territories and areas (not including Paris Convention countries)”, before item “Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu”—

Add

“The Independent State of Samoa”.

- (8) Schedule 1, list under heading “WTO member countries, territories and areas (not including Paris Convention countries)”, after item “The Solomon Islands”—

Add

“The Republic of Vanuatu”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2013

Explanatory Note

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

Registered Designs Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule) Regulation 2013

(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 28 June 2013.

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 “The
Federative Republic of Brazil”—

Add

“Brunei Darussalam”.

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

Repeal

“The Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya”

Substitute

“Libya”.

- (3) 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

“Negara Brunei Darussalam”.

- (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

“European Community”

Substitute

“European Union”.

- (5) 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 Republic of The Fiji Islands”

Substitute

“The Republic of Fiji”.

- (6) 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 Union of Myanmar”

Substitute

“The Republic of the Union of Myanmar”.

- (7) 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)**”, before item “Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu”—

Add

“The Independent State of Samoa”.

- (8) 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)**”, after item “The Solomon Islands”—

Add

“The Republic of Vanuatu”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2013

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 2013

(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 28 June 2013.

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 “The Federative Republic of Brazil”—

Add

“Brunei Darussalam”.

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

Repeal

“The Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya”

Substitute

“Libya”.

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

Repeal

“Negara Brunei Darussalam”

Substitute

“Brunei Darussalam”.

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

Repeal

“European Community”

Substitute

“European Union”.

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

Repeal

“The Republic of The Fiji Islands”

Substitute

“The Republic of Fiji”.

- (6) Schedule 1, list under heading “Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement”, after item “Kyrghyz Republic”—

Add

“The Lao People’s Democratic Republic”.

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

Add

“Montenegro”.

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

Repeal

“The Union of Myanmar”

Substitute

“The Republic of the Union of Myanmar”.

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

Repeal

“Netherlands—For the Kingdom in Europe and for the Netherlands Antilles”

Substitute

“The Kingdom of the Netherlands”.

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

Add

“The Russian Federation”.

- (11) Schedule 1, list under heading “Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement”, after item “Saint Vincent and the Grenadines”—

Add

“The Independent State of Samoa”.

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

Organization Agreement”, after item “Oriental Republic of Uruguay”—

Add

“The Republic of Vanuatu”.

Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2013

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 2013

Section 1

1

**Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits
(Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or
Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2013**

(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 28 June 2013.

**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—

Repeal

“Negara Brunei Darussalam”

Substitute

“Brunei Darussalam”.

(2) The Schedule, after item “Republic of Estonia”—

Add

“European Union”.

Layout-design (Topography) of Integrated Circuits (Designation of Qualifying Countries, Territories or Areas) (Amendment) Regulation 2013

Section 3

2

(3) The Schedule—

Repeal

“The Republic of The Fiji Islands”

Substitute

“The Republic of Fiji”.

(4) The Schedule, after item “Kyrghyz Republic”—

Add

“The Lao People’s Democratic Republic”.

(5) The Schedule, after item “Mongolia”—

Add

“Montenegro”.

(6) The Schedule—

Repeal

“The Union of Myanmar”

Substitute

“The Republic of the Union of Myanmar”.

(7) The Schedule—

Repeal

“Netherlands—For the Kingdom in Europe and for the Netherlands Antilles”

Substitute

“The Kingdom of the Netherlands”.

(8) The Schedule, after item “Romania”—

Add

“The Russian Federation”.

- (9) The Schedule, after item “Saint Vincent and the Grenadines”—

Add

“The Independent State of Samoa”.

- (10) The Schedule, after item “Oriental Republic of Uruguay”—

Add

“The Republic of Vanuatu”.

Chief Executive

2013

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).

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)

Chapter: 514	Title: PATENTS ORDINANCE	Gazette Number: 2009	L.N. 252 of
Schedule: 1	Heading: PARIS CONVENTION COUNTRIES AND WTO MEMBER COUNTRIES, TERRITORIES AND AREAS	Version Date: 26/02/2010	

[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
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
The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
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-

Negara Brunei Darussalam

The Republic of Cape Verde

European Community

The Republic of The Fiji Islands

The State of Kuwait

The Macao Special Administrative Region

The Republic of Maldives

The Union of Myanmar

Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu

The Solomon Islands

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

Chapter: 522	Title: REGISTERED DESIGNS ORDINANCE	Gazette Number: 2009	L.N. 253 of
Schedule:	Heading: SCHEDULE	Version Date: 26/02/2010	

[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
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
The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
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

**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade
Organization Agreement
(not including countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention)**

Negara Brunei Darussalam

The Republic of Cape Verde

European Community

The Republic of The Fiji Islands

The State of Kuwait

The Macao Special Administrative Region

The Republic of Maldives

The Union of Myanmar

Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu

The Solomon Islands

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**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
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
The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
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

**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
Negara 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 Community
The Republic of The Fiji Islands
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)
The Republic of Honduras
The Republic of Hungary
The Republic of Iceland
The Republic of India
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
Kyrghyz 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
The Islamic Republic of Mauritania
The Republic of Mauritius
The Republic of Moldova
Mongolia
The Kingdom of Morocco
The Republic of Mozambique
The Union of Myanmar
The Republic of Namibia
The Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
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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 Republic of Rwanda
The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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 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 Republic of Tanzania
The United States of America
The United States of Mexico
Oriental Republic of Uruguay

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

The Republic of Zambia

The Republic of Zimbabwe

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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
Negara 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
The Republic of The Fiji Islands
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)

The Republic of Honduras
The Republic of Hungary
The Republic of Iceland
The Republic of India
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
Kyrghyz 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 Moldova
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The Kingdom of Morocco
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The Union of Myanmar
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The Republic of Nicaragua
The Republic of Niger
The Federal Republic of Nigeria
The Kingdom of Norway
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The Islamic Republic of Pakistan
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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 Republic of Rwanda
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Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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The Republic of Slovenia
The Solomon Islands
The Republic of South Africa
The Kingdom of Spain
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The Republic of Suriname
The Kingdom of Swaziland
The Kingdom of Sweden
Swiss Confederation
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 Republic of Tanzania
The United States of America
The United States of Mexico
Oriental Republic of Uruguay
The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
The Republic of Zambia
The Republic of Zimbabwe

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