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**Patents Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order
2017**

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

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 1 April 2017.

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)

Schedule 1, list under heading “**WTO member countries, territories and areas (not including Paris Convention countries)**”, before item “The Republic of Cabo Verde”—

Add

“The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan”.

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Explanatory Note

As a member of the World Trade Organization (*WTO*), Hong Kong is obliged to grant to a person who has filed an application for a patent in a WTO member country, territory or area a right of priority during a prescribed period for the purpose of filing a corresponding application in Hong Kong.

2. Afghanistan has acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement. This Order updates the list of WTO member countries, territories and areas (not including Paris Convention countries) contained in the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514) to include it.