### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2000 No. 1560

# **PATENTS**

The Patents (Convention Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2000

Made - - - - 14th June 2000

Laid before Parliament 26th June 2000

Coming into force - 14th July 2000

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 14th day of June 2000 Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 90(1) and section 124(3) of the Patents Act 1977(1), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

- **1.** This Order may be cited as the Patents (Convention Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2000 and shall come into force on 14th July 2000.
- **2.** The countries specified in the Schedule to this Order are convention countries for the purposes of section 5 of the Patents Act 1977.
- **3.** The Patents (Convention Countries) Order 1994(2) shall be amended by the insertion in Schedule 1 thereto of the countries specified in the Schedule to this Order in proper alphabetical order.

A. K. Galloway Clerk of the Privy Council

<sup>(1) 1977</sup> c. 37.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I.1994/3220 as amended by S.I. 1995/2989 and S.I. 2000/1114.

### Schedule

Cambodia
Equatorial Guinea
Lao Peoples Democratic Republic
Oman
Sao Tome and Principe

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, made pursuant to section 90(1) of the Patents Act 1977 with a view to the fulfilment of obligations under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property ("the Paris Convention") (as revised at Stockholm in 1967) (Cm. 4431), declares Cambodia, Equatorial Guinea, Lao Peoples Democratic Republic, Oman and Sao Tome and Principe to be convention countries for the purposes of section 5 of the Patents Act 1977. Section 5 of the Patents Act 1977 affords certain rights of priority to applicants for patents, and this Order extends these rights of priority to applications filed in those countries.