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PATENTS

The Patents (Convention Countries) Order 2007

Made - - - - - *7th February 2007*

Laid before Parliament *14th February 2007*

Coming into force - - - *6th April 2007*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace the 7th day of February 2007

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by sections 90(1) and 124(3) of the Patents Act 1977^(a), makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Patents (Convention Countries) Order 2007 and shall come into force on 6th April 2007.

(2) The Patents (Convention Countries) Order 2006 is revoked **(b)**.

2.—(1) The countries specified in the Schedule are declared to be convention countries for the purposes of section 5 of the Patents Act 1977.

Christine Cook
Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council

^(a) 1977 c.37.
^(b) SI 2006/315.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

CONVENTION COUNTRIES

Albania
Algeria
Andorra
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada

Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Columbia
Comoros
Congo
Congo, Democratic Republic of the
Costa Rica
Cote d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Estonia
Faeroe Islands
Fiji
Finland
France (including Overseas Departments and Territories)
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala

Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Holy See
Honduras
Hong Kong
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
Korea, Republic of
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Macao

Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Moldova, Republic of
Monaco
Mongolia
Montenegro
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nepal
Netherlands
Netherlands Antilles and Aruba
New Zealand (including the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau)
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal

Qatar
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Taiwan
Tajikistan
Tanzania, United Republic of
Thailand
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia

Turkey

Turkmenistan

Uganda

Ukraine

United Arab Emirates

United States of America (including Puerto Rico and all territories and possessions)

Uruguay

Uzbekistan

Venezuela

Viet Nam

Yemen

Zambia

Zimbabwe

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, pursuant to section 90(1) of the Patents Act 1977 (c.37), declares the countries specified in the Schedule to be convention countries for the purpose of section 5 of the Patents Act 1977. Section 5 of that Act affords certain rights of priority to applicants for patents, and this Order provides those rights of priority to applications filed in the countries specified in this Order. In this Order the term ‘country’ includes colonies, protectorates and territories by reason of section 90(3) of that Act.

The majority of the countries specified in the Order have acceded to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (“the Paris Convention”) (as revised at Stockholm in 1967) (Cmnd. 4431) or the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation (including the Agreement on Trade Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) (Cm 3044-6, 3080, 3263-4, 3268-9, 3271, 3275-7 and 3282).

This Order revokes the Patents (Convention Countries) Order 2006 (SI 2006/315) (“the 2006 Order”). This Order provides a consolidated list of countries that are convention countries for the purposes of section 5 of the Patents Act 1977 and the only substantive change from the 2006 Order is the addition of Yemen to the Schedule. Following Montenegro’s Declaration of Independence from Serbia adopted by the National Assembly of Montenegro on 3rd June 2006, Serbia and Montenegro are dealt with separately in this Order.

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