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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

UNITED KINGDOM: THE REGULATORY REFORM (REGISTERED DESIGNS) ORDER 2006

<b>Notifying Member</b>	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	The Regulatory Reform (Registered Designs) Order 2006
<b>Subject matter</b>	Industrial designs
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text*</b>	<a href="https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/GBR/20_5585_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/GBR/20_5585_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/13</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/D/8</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/P/4</a> ; <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/D/1</a>
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
<p>The Order amends the Registered Designs Act 1949. Section 1A which set out the substantive grounds for refusing to register a design, section 3(4) which gave the registrar the power to make searches for determining whether a design was new or had individual character, and sections 22(2) &amp; (3) concerning restrictions on inspecting certain registered designs, are repealed. Section 3A(4) is substituted by a new provision that sets out the remaining substantive grounds for refusing to register a design. Further amendments permit an application to include multiple designs and the criteria concerning failure to pay renewal fees on time is amended. Additional consequential amendments are made under the Rules.</p>	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English
<b>Entry into force</b>	1 October 2006; <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/1974/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/1974/contents/made</a>
<b>Other date</b>	

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	20 August 2020
<b>Other information</b>	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/1974/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/1974/contents/made</a> - Amends/replaces: Registered Designs Act 1949
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