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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 REGISTERED DESIGNS ACT 1949 AND PATENTS ACT 1977
(ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS) ORDER 2006

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| Notifying Member | UNITED KINGDOM |
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Details of the notified legal text

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| Title | The Registered Designs Act 1949 and Patents Act 1977 (Electronic Communications) Order 2006 |
| Subject matter | Industrial designs; Patents (including plant variety protection) |
| Nature of notification | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation |
| Link to legal text* | https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/GBR/20_5522_00_e.pdf |
| Notification status | <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) |
| Previous notification(s) referred to | IP/N/1/GBR/P/1 ; IP/N/1/GBR/D/1 |
| Brief description of the notified legal text | |
| The Order amends the Registered Designs Act 1949 and the Patents Act 1977 to facilitate the use of electronic communications with the the Patent Office. The Order inserts a new section 37A into the Registered Designs Act 1949 which gives the registrar the power to give directions as to the form and manner in which documents are to be sent to him in electronic form or by using electronic communications. The Order also makes amendments to section 124A of the Patents Act 1977 to make it similar to the new section 37A of the Registered Designs Act 1949. | |
| Language(s) of notified legal text | English |
| Entry into force | 1 October 2006; http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/1229/contents/made |
| Other date | |

Notification details

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| Submission date of notification | 20 August 2020 |
| Other information | http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/1229/contents/made - Amends/replaces: The Registered Designs Act 1949; The Patents Act 1977 |
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