



**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: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (UNJUSTIFIED THREATS) ACT 2017

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

<b>Title</b>	Intellectual Property (Unjustified Threats) Act 2017
<b>Subject matter</b>	Trademarks; Industrial designs; Patents (including plant variety protection); Enforcement
<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/2021/IP/GBR/21_1576_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2021/IP/GBR/21_1576_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/P/1</a> ; <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/T/1</a> ; <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/C/1</a> ; <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/D/1</a>
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
<p>The Unjustified Threats Act 2017 extends the changes made to the unjustified threats law for patents in 2004 to trade marks and designs (allows a rights holder to challenge someone capable of causing the most damage, usually the trade source of the infringement, without fear of being sued for making unjustified threats), strikes a balance in allowing right holders to protect their IP assets but not to misuse threats, protects customers and those within the supply chain against unjustified threats, provides a framework within which disputing parties can exchange information to resolve issues and avoid litigation, protects professional advisers from personal liability for making threats when they act for their clients, and makes changes to the law that are necessary so that the protection against unjustified threats applies to European patents.</p>	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English
<b>Entry into force</b>	27 April 2017
<b>Other date</b>	

**Notification details**

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<b>Other information</b>	<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/14/introduction/enacted">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/14/introduction/enacted</a>
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