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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 276**

**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<sup>(1)</sup>, 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 **(2)**.

**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

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(1) 1977 c.37.  
(2) 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

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#### **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.