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**Trade Marks Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1)  
Regulation 2017**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 92 of the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559))

**1. Commencement**

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 April 2017.

**2. Trade Marks Ordinance amended**

The Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559) is amended as set out in section 3.

**3. Schedule 1 amended (Paris Convention countries and WTO members)**

- (1) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”, before item “The Republic of Albania”—

**Add**

“The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan”.

- (2) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”, before item “The Republic of Kenya”—

**Add**

“The Republic of Kazakhstan”.

- (3) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”, before item “The Principality of Liechtenstein”—

**Add**

“The Republic of Liberia”.

- (4) Schedule 1, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement**”, before item “The Republic of Sierra Leone”—

**Add**

“The Republic of Seychelles”.

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### **Explanatory Note**

As a member of the World Trade Organization (*WTO*), Hong Kong is obliged to grant to a person who has filed an application for a trade mark in a WTO member country, territory or area a right of priority during a prescribed period for the purpose of filing a corresponding application in Hong Kong.

2. Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Liberia and Seychelles have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement. This Regulation updates the list of WTO members contained in the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559) to include them.