



**PATENTS, DESIGNS, AND TRADE MARKS CONVENTION
AMENDMENT ORDER 1997**

MICHAEL HARDIE BOYS, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 15th day of December 1997

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 77 of the Patents Act 1953, section 20 of the Designs Act 1953, and section 72 of the Trade Marks Act 1953, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, makes the following order.

ORDER

1. Title and commencement—(1) This order may be cited as the Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks Convention Amendment Order 1997, and is part of the Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks Convention Order 1996 (“the principal order”).

(2) This order comes into force on the 28th day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Convention countries for all purposes—The Schedule of the principal order is amended—

- (a) By omitting the items “United Kingdom (and Hong Kong and the Isle of Man)” and “Zaire”; and
- (b) By inserting, in their appropriate alphabetical order, the items “Colombia”, “Democratic Republic of the Congo”, “Equador”, “Equatorial Guinea”, “Fiji”, “Grenada”, “Guatemala”, “Hong Kong”, “Mozambique”, “Nicaragua”, “Panama”, “Papua New

Guinea”, “Qatar”, “Sierra Leone”, “Solomon Islands”, “United Arab Emirates” and “United Kingdom (and the Isle of Man)”.

3. Consequential revocation—Clause 4 of the principal order is revoked.

MARIE SHROFF,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

The Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks Convention Order 1996 specifies the countries that are “convention countries” for the purposes of the Patents Act 1953, the Designs Act 1953, and the Trade Marks Act 1953.

This order, which comes into force 28 days after notification in the *Gazette*, amends that order. It—

- (a) Replaces a reference to Zaire with a reference to the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- (b) Replaces a reference to the United Kingdom (and Hong Kong and the Isle of Man) with separate references to Hong Kong and the United Kingdom (and the Isle of Man);
- (c) Provides that Equador and Guatemala are now to be convention countries for the purposes of all 3 Acts (rather than just the Designs Act 1953 and the Trade Marks Act 1953, as was previously the case);
- (d) Adds Colombia, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Grenada, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Sierra Leone, the Solomon Islands, and the United Arab Emirates to the list of countries that are convention countries for the purposes of all 3 Acts.

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