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SCHEDULES

[^{F1}SCHEDULE A1

GROUND S FOR REFUSAL OF REGISTRATION IN RELATION TO EMBLEMS ETC.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. A1 (paras. 1-5) inserted (9.12.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3949](#), **reg. 3** (with transitional provisions in [regs. 10-14](#))

Grounds for refusal in relation to emblems etc. of certain international organisations

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) the armorial bearings, flags or other emblems; and
 - (b) the abbreviations and names,
- of international intergovernmental organisations of which one or more Paris Convention countries are members.
- (2) A design shall be refused registration under this Act if it involves the use of any such emblem, abbreviation or name which is protected under the Paris Convention unless—
- (a) the authorisation of the international organisation concerned has been given for the registration; or
 - (b) it appears to the registrar that the use of the emblem, abbreviation or name in the manner proposed—
 - (i) is not such as to suggest to the public that a connection exists between the organisation and the design; or
 - (ii) is not likely to mislead the public as to the existence of a connection between the user and the organisation.
- (3) The provisions of this paragraph as to emblems of an international organisation apply equally to anything which from a heraldic point of view imitates any such emblem.
- (4) Nothing in this paragraph affects the rights of a person whose *bona fide* use of the design in question began before 4th January 1962 (when the relevant provisions of the Paris Convention entered into force in relation to the United Kingdom).]

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 22(1)(aa) and word inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 22(5) inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 22(6)(7) inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(5\)](#)