STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 2989

PATENTS

The Patents (Convention Countries) (Amendment) Order 1995

Made - - - - 23rd November 1995
Laid before Parliament 24th November 1995
Coming into force
Articles 1, 2(a) and 3(a) 15th December 1995
Articles 2(b) and 3(b) 25th December 1995
Articles 2(c) and 3(c) 1st January 1996

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23rd day of November 1995 Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 90(1) and section 124(3) of the Patents Act 1977(1), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows—

- **1.** This Order may be cited as the Patents (Convention Countries) (Amendment) Order 1995 and shall come into force as follows:
 - (a) articles 1, 2(a) and 3(a) shall come into force on 15th December 1995,
 - (b) articles 2(b) and 3(b) shall come into force on 25th December 1995; and
 - (c) articles 2(c) and 3(c) shall come into force on 1st January 1996.
 - 2. The countries specified in:
 - (a) Part 1,
 - (b) Part 2, and
 - (c) Part 3,

of the Schedule to this Order are convention countries for the purposes of section 5 of the Patents Act 1977.

- **3.** The Patents (Convention Countries) Order 1994(2) shall be amended by the insertion in Schedule 1 thereto in proper alphabetical order of the countries specified in:
 - (a) Part 1,
 - (b) Part 2, and
 - (c) Part 3,

of the Schedule to this Order.

N. H. Nicholls Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE

Article 2

CONVENTION COUNTRIES

PART 1

Albania

Costa Rica

Peru

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Saint Lucia

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Singapore

Turkmenistan

Venezuela

PART 2

Azerbaijan

PART 3

Antigua and Barbuda

Bahrain

Belize

Bolivia

Botswana

Brunei Darussalam

Colombia

Djibouti

Dominica

Guatemala

Jamaica

Kuwait

Macau

Maldives

Mozambique

Myanmar

Namibia

Nicaragua

Sierra Leone

Thailand

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, made pursuant to section 90(1) of the Patents Act 1977, declares the countries specified in the Schedule to this Order to be convention countries for the purposes of section 5 of the Act. The countries specified in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Schedule have acceded to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property ("the Paris Convention") (as revised at Stockholm in 1967) (Cmnd. 4431) since the last order (S.I.1994/3220) was made. The appropriate amendments are made to the list of such countries contained in Schedule 1 to the Patents (Convention Countries) Order 1994. The countries specified in Part 3 of the Schedule to this Order are countries not party to the Paris Convention but are countries each of which is party to the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation (including the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) (Cm. 2556-59, 2561-69, 2571-74). They are designated as convention countries (and the appropriate amendments are made to the 1994 Order) from the date on which that part of the Agreement relating to intellectual property, including matters relating to patents, enters into force for the United Kingdom.