

**L.N. 16 of 2017**

**Patents Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order  
2017**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 153 of the  
Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514))

**1. Commencement**

This Order comes into operation on 1 April 2017.

**2. Patents Ordinance amended**

The Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514) is amended as set out in  
section 3.

**3. Schedule 1 amended (Paris Convention countries and WTO  
member countries, territories and areas)**

Schedule 1, list under heading “**WTO member countries,  
territories and areas (not including Paris Convention countries)**”,  
before item “The Republic of Cabo Verde”—

**Add**

“The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan”.

Kinnie WONG  
Clerk to the Executive Council

COUNCIL CHAMBER

24 January 2017

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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 patent 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 has acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement. This Order updates the list of WTO member countries, territories and areas (not including Paris Convention countries) contained in the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514) to include it.