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**Registered Designs Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule)
Regulation 2017**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 83 of the
Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 April 2017.

2. Registered Designs Ordinance amended

The Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522) is amended as set out in section 3.

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

The Schedule, list under heading “**Countries, territories and areas which have acceded to the World Trade Organization Agreement (not including countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention)**”, before item “The Republic of Cabo Verde”—

Add

“The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan”.

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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 registration of a design 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 Regulation updates the list of WTO members (not including countries which have acceded to the Paris Convention) contained in the Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522) to include it.