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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects  
of Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

AUSTRALIA: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SINGLE  
ECONOMIC MARKET AND OTHER MEASURES) REGULATION 2016

<b>Notifying Member</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	Intellectual Property Legislation Amendment (Single Economic Market and Other Measures) Regulation 2016
<b>Subject matter</b>	Industrial property (general)
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text</b>	<a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/IP/AUS/18_1072_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/IP/AUS/18_1072_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<p><b>IP/N/1/AUS/P/6</b> (Patents Regulations 1991)  <a href="https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&amp;query=@SymbolMatch=IP/N/1/AUS/P/6*&amp;Language=English&amp;Context=ScriptedSearches&amp;languageUIChanged=true#">"https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&amp;query=@SymbolMatch=IP/N/1/AUS/P/6*&amp;Language=English&amp;Context=ScriptedSearches&amp;languageUIChanged=true#"</a></p> <p><b>IP/N/1/AUS/T/4</b> (Trade Marks Regulations 1995)  <a href="https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&amp;query=@SymbolMatch=IP/N/1/AUS/T/4*&amp;Language=English&amp;Context=ScriptedSearches&amp;languageUIChanged=true#">"https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&amp;query=@SymbolMatch=IP/N/1/AUS/T/4*&amp;Language=English&amp;Context=ScriptedSearches&amp;languageUIChanged=true#"</a></p> <p><b>IP/N/1/AUS/D/4</b> (Designs Regulations 2004)  <a href="https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&amp;query=@SymbolMatch=IP/N/1/AUS/D/4*&amp;Language=English&amp;Context=ScriptedSearches&amp;languageUIChanged=true#">"https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&amp;query=@SymbolMatch=IP/N/1/AUS/D/4*&amp;Language=English&amp;Context=ScriptedSearches&amp;languageUIChanged=true#"</a></p> <p><b>IP/N/1/AUS/P/3</b> (Plant Breeder's Rights Regulations 1994)  <a href="https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&amp;query=@SymbolMatch=IP/N/1/AUS/P/3*&amp;Language=English&amp;Context=ScriptedSearches&amp;languageUIChanged=true#">"https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?DataSource=Cat&amp;query=@SymbolMatch=IP/N/1/AUS/P/3*&amp;Language=English&amp;Context=ScriptedSearches&amp;languageUIChanged=true#"</a></p>

This Regulation amends the:

- *Patents Regulations 1991* and the *Trade Marks Regulations 1995* to enable the implementation of a single, trans-Tasman patent attorney regime (Schedules 1 and 2);
- the *Designs Regulations 2004* and the *Plant Breeder's Rights Regulations 1994* to allow an address for the service of documents to be in New Zealand (Schedule 3);
- the *Patents Regulations* and *Trade Marks Regulations* to ensure consistency with international obligations (Schedule 4);
- the *Trade Marks Regulations* to allow the Registrar of Trade Marks to identify, and refuse to protect, unclearly specified goods or services set out in international trade mark applications (Schedule 5);
- the *Trade Marks Regulations* and the *Plant Breeder's Rights Regulations* to reflect the changes to the administration of Norfolk Island made in July 2016 (Schedule 6).

<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English
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#### Notification details

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