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

HONG KONG, CHINA: PATENTS (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2019 (L.N. 35 OF 2019)

Notifying Member	HONG KONG, CHINA
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	PATENTS (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2019 (L.N. 35 OF 2019)
Subject matter	Patents (including plant variety protection)
Nature of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/HKG/20_0567_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<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)
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/HKG/D/2/Add.4 , IP/N/1/HKG/P/3/Add.5 , IP/N/1/HKG/T/4/Add.1 ; IP/N/1/HKG/D/1/Add.3 , IP/N/1/HKG/D/2/Add.2 , IP/N/1/HKG/P/1/Add.4 , IP/N/1/HKG/P/3/Add.3 , IP/N/1/HKG/P/4/Add.2 ; IP/N/1/HKG/P/3/Add.4 ; IP/N/1/HKG/D/1/Add.1 , IP/N/1/HKG/D/2/Add.1 , IP/N/1/HKG/P/1/Add.2 , IP/N/1/HKG/P/3/Add.1 , IP/N/1/HKG/P/4/Add.1 ; IP/N/1/HKG/P/3/Add.2 ; IP/N/1/HKG/P/3
Brief description of the notified legal text	
The Patents (General) (Amendment) Rules 2019 amends the Patents (General) Rules (Cap. 514 sub. leg. C) by specifying and regulating the necessary practices and procedures for introduction of a new "original grant" patent system and for refining the pre-existing short-term patent system, pursuant to the framework enshrined in the Patents (Amendment) Ordinance 2016.	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	19 December 2019
Other date	

Notification details

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Other information	Please also see the Patents (General) (Amendment) Rules 2019 (Commencement) Notice (L.N. 135 OF 2019) which appoints 19 December 2019 as the day on which the Patents (General) (Amendment) Rules 2019 comes into force. https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20192341/es220192341135.pdf
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