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NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE AGREEMENT

HONG KONG, CHINA

The following communication, dated 24 December 2003, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Hong Kong, China.

In accordance with Article 63.2 of the TRIPS Agreement, Hong Kong, China wishes to notify the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights of Hong Kong, China's amended laws and regulations on copyright, in addition to the laws and regulations relating to the TRIPS Agreement previously advised under document IP/N/1/HKG/2.

An explanatory note and a copy of the Copyright Amendment Ordinance 2003 (Order No. 27 of 2003) are attached. A soft copy will be sent to you by e-mail.

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**NOTIFICATION TO THE TRIPS COUNCIL BY HONG KONG, CHINA
OF AMENDING LEGISLATION TO MAIN DEDICATED INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY LAWS AND REGULATIONS NOTIFIED
AND LISTED IN ANNEX I OF IP/N/1/HKG/2**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name of legislation

Copyright (Amendment) Ordinance 2003 (L.N. 27 of 2003)¹

Type of legislation

Amendment of the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528).

Date of entry into force

28 November 2003

Purpose of legislation

To amend certain provisions of the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528) to remove civil and criminal liabilities pertaining to parallel importation of and subsequent dealings in articles which have embodied in them a computer program (commonly known as computer software products).

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¹ See document IP/N/1/HKG/C/1/Add.5.