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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 AGREEMENT**

HONG KONG, CHINA

The following communication, dated 16 September 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Hong Kong, China.

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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 recent amendments to Hong Kong, China's copyright law, previously advised under document IP/N/1/HKG/2.

An explanatory note and a copy of the Copyright Amendment Ordinance 2003 (Order No. 4 of 2004) are attached.

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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 2004 (Order No. 4 of 2004)<sup>1</sup>

**Type of legislation**

Amendment of the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528).

**Date of entry into force**

1 September 2004

**Purpose of legislation**

To provide an offence in the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528) under which a person would be criminally liable if, for the purpose of or in the course of a copying service business, he possesses a reprographic copy of a copyright work as published in a book, magazine or periodical, being a copy that is an infringing copy of the copyright work.

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<sup>1</sup> See document IP/N/1/HKG/C/1/Add.6.