STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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DESIGNS

The Design Right (Semiconductor Topographies) (Amendment) Regulations 1992

Made - - - - 27th February 1992
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The Secretary of State, being designated(1) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2) in relation to the conferment and protection of exclusive rights in the topographies of semiconductor products, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the said section 2(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Design Right (Semiconductor Topographies) (Amendment) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 24th March 1992.
- **2.** The Schedule to the Design Right (Semiconductor Topographies) Regulations 1989(**3**) shall be amended as follows—
 - (a) in Part II thereof (which, in relation to the countries named, specifies citizens, subjects, habitual residents, firms and bodies corporate as additional classes of qualifying persons), there shall be included a reference to Finland; and
 - (b) in Part III thereof (which, in relation to the countries named, specifies citizens, subjects and habitual residents only as additional classes of qualifying persons), there shall be omitted the reference to Finland.

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27th February 1992

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1987/448.

^{(2) 1972} c. 68.

⁽³⁾ S.I. 1989/1100; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1991/2237.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Schedule to the Design Right (Semiconductor Topographies) Regulations 1989 to give effect to a communication from the European Commission pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 1 of Council Decision 90/511/EEC (O.J. No. L285, 17.10.1990, page 31). This communication determines that Finland is a country which satisfies the conditions in paragraph 2 of that Article that protection of topographies of semiconductor products under Finnish law has been extended to all classes of persons in the Member States of the European Economic Community.