

**2001 No. 2126**

**PATENTS**

**The Patents (Convention Countries) (Amendment) Order  
2001**

*Made* - - - - - *9th June 2001*

*Laid before Parliament* *20th June 2001*

*Coming into force* - - *11th July 2001*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 9th day of June 2001

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 90(1) and section 124(3) of the Patents Act 1977<sup>(a)</sup>, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Patents (Convention Countries) (Amendment) Order 2001 and shall come into force on 11th July 2001.
2. The countries specified in the Schedule to this Order are convention countries for the purposes of section 5 of the Patents Act 1977.
3. The Patents (Convention Countries) Order 1994<sup>(b)</sup> shall be amended by the insertion in Schedule 1 thereto of the countries specified in the Schedule to this Order in proper alphabetical order.

*A. K. Galloway,*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1977 c. 37.

<sup>(b)</sup> S.I. 1994/3220 as amended by S.I. 1995/2989, S.I. 2000/1114 and S.I. 2000/1560.

## SCHEDULE

Articles 2 and 3

Bhutan  
Nepal  
Tonga

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order, made pursuant to section 90(1) of the Patents Act 1977 with a view to the fulfilment of obligations under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (“the Paris Convention”) (as revised at Stockholm in 1967) (Cmnd. 4431), declares Bhutan, Nepal and Tonga to be convention countries for the purposes of section 5 of the Patents Act 1977. Section 5 of the Patents Act 1977 affords certain rights of priority to applicants for patents, and this Order extends these rights of priority to applications filed in those countries.

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