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Renewal of United Kingdom Designs Deemed Registered in Hong Kong

This Circular confirms that renewal dates under sections 91 and 92 of the Registered Designs Ordinance (the "Ordinance") are **unaffected** by recent changes to the United Kingdom Registered Designs Act 1949 on 28 October 2001.

- 2. United Kingdom registrations deemed registered in Hong Kong are subject to renewal under section 92 of the Ordinance. For the purposes of renewal for having continued protection in Hong Kong under the Ordinance, deemed registered design renewal dates are calculated by reference to the United Kingdom Registered Designs Act 1949 as it stood when Hong Kong's Ordinance came into force (sections 90(1), 91(3), 91(4), 92). The result is that the amendments made to the United Kingdom Registered Designs Act 1949 on 28 October 2001 **do not affect** renewal dates and/or the period of registration of United Kingdom registrations deemed registered in Hong Kong under the Ordinance.
- 3. Enquiries regarding this Circular may be made to Senior Solicitor / Ms. Finnie Quek at telephone number 2961 6817 or Senior Intellectual Property Examiner (Designs) / Ms. Shina Lee at telephone number 2961 6827.

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