

**2013 No. 538**

**PATENTS**

**The Patents (Convention Countries) (Amendment) Order 2013**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>13th March 2013</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>14th March 2013</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>6th April 2013</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of March 2013

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by sections 90(1) and 124(3) of the Patents Act 1977<sup>(a)</sup>, makes the following Order:

**Citation and Commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Patents (Convention Countries) (Amendment) Order 2013 and comes into force on the 6th April 2013.

**Amendments to the Patents (Convention Countries) Order 2007**

2.—(1) The Patents (Convention Countries) Order 2007<sup>(b)</sup> (“the 2007 Order”) is amended as follows.

(2) In the list of countries set out in the Schedule to the 2007 Order:

- (a) after “Saint Vincent and the Grenadines” insert “Samoa”; and
- (b) after “Uzbekistan” insert “Vanuatu”.

*Richard Tilbrook*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1977 c.37.  
<sup>(b)</sup> S.I. 2007/276, amended by S.I. 2009/2746.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order amends the Patents (Convention Countries) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/276) under powers conferred by sections 90(1) and 124(3) of the Patents Act 1977 to fulfil the international obligations of the United Kingdom as a member of the World Trade Organisation ('WTO'). Samoa became a member of the WTO on the 10th May 2012 and Vanuatu on the 24th August 2012. This Order declares that Samoa and Vanuatu are convention countries for the purposes of section 5 of the Patents Act 1977.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.