

**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
(TRIPS Council)
Meeting on 14 October 2020**

Statement by Hong Kong, China

Item 1: Notifications Under Provisions of the Agreement

- Hong Kong, China submitted a notification to the WTO on 25 September 2020, IP/N/1/HKG/37, to notify the TRIPS Council of the commencement of amendments to our copyright legislation, in accordance with Hong Kong, China's obligations under Article 63.2 of the TRIPS Agreement.
- The Copyright (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 enhances the copyright exceptions relating to persons with a print disability in the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528) in order to meet the standards under the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.
- In details, the Amendments expands the definition of "print disability" in the Copyright Ordinance to enable persons with a perceptual or reading disability to use the copyright exceptions provided for persons with a print disability. They also make it clear that audio forms of certain copyright works (such as audiobooks) may be used in the production of accessible copies for the personal use by persons with a print disability. The amended legislation also allows cross-border exchange of accessible copies of copyright works for the personal use by persons with a print disability, subject to certain conditions being met.
- The legislative amendments were effective from 26 June 2020.
- Thank you, Chair.

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