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		TRADE MARKS	PATENTS	DESIGNS
	ALGERIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
	ANGOLA	Yes	Yes	Yes
	BENIN	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	BOTSWANA	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	BURKINA FASO	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	BURUNDI	Yes	Yes ^{^^}	Yes
	CAMEROON	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	CAPE VERDE	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	CHAD	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	COMOROS	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	CONGO, REPUBLIC OF	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF	Yes	Yes ^{^^}	Yes
	DJIBOUTI	Yes	Yes	Yes
	EGYPT	Yes	Yes	Yes
	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	ERITREA	No	No	No
	ESWATINI (SWAZILAND)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)**	Yes (or via ARIPO) ^{^^^}
	ETHIOPIA	Yes	Yes ^{^^}	Yes
	GABON	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	GAMBIA	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	GHANA	Yes	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	GUINEA	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	GUINEA-BISSAU	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	IVORY COAST	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	KENYA	Yes	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	LESOTHO	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	LIBERIA	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)



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	LIBYA	Yes	Yes	Yes
	MADAGASCAR	Yes	Yes	Yes
	MALAWI	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	MALI	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	MAURITANIA	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	MAURITIUS	Yes	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	MOROCCO	Yes	Yes	Yes
	MOZAMBIQUE	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	NAMIBIA	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	NIGER	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	NIGERIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
	RWANDA	Yes	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	SENEGAL	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	SEYCHELLES	Yes	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	SIERRA LEONE	Yes	Yes (or via ARIPO)**	No (via ARIPO) ^{^^}
	SOMALIA	Yes	No	No
	SOUTH AFRICA	Yes	Yes	Yes
	SOUTH SUDAN	Yes ⁺⁺	No	No
	ST. HELENA	Yes [^]	Yes ^{**}	Yes ^{^^}
	SUDAN	Yes	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	TANZANIA (TANGANYIKA)	Yes	Yes (or via ARIPO)	No (via ARIPO)
	TANZANIA (ZANZIBAR)	Yes	Yes	Yes
	TOGO	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)	Yes (OAPI)
	TUNISIA	Yes	Yes	Yes
	UGANDA	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	ZAMBIA	Yes	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)
	ZIMBABWE	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)	Yes (or via ARIPO)

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- ^^^ UK designs extend automatically
- ++ Trade mark reservation system



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