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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

FRANCE: DECREE NO. 2020-15 OF 8 JANUARY 2020 ON FILING A PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR  
A PATENT AND ON CONVERTING A UTILITY CERTIFICATE APPLICATION TO A PATENT  
APPLICATION

<b>Notifying Member</b>	FRANCE
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	Decree No. 2020-15 of 8 January 2020 on filing a provisional application for a patent and on converting a utility certificate application to a patent application
<b>Subject matter</b>	Patents (including plant variety protection)
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text*</b>	<a href="https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/FRA/22_5444_00_f.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/FRA/22_5444_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<a href="#">IP/N/1/FRA/C/1</a>
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
This decree introduces a system for provisional applications for patents that allows the deferred submission of some documents provided as part of a patent application; it also allows for a period of 12 months to be granted for the submission of the request to convert the provisional application to a patent application or a utility certificate application. The decree also specifies the terms for converting a utility certificate to a patent.	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	French
<b>Entry into force</b>	1 July 2020
<b>Other date</b>	

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	18 July 2022
<b>Other information</b>	IP/N/1/FRA/10

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	<i>(Order No. 2020-116 of 12 February 2020 establishing the right to oppose patents - forthcoming)</i>  IP/N/1/FRA/11 <i>(Decree No. 2020-225 of 6 March 2020 on the right to oppose patents - forthcoming)</i>
<b>Agency or authority responsible</b>	

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