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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**

JAPAN: DESIGN ACT (ACT NO. 125 OF 1959)

Notifying Member	JAPAN
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Design Act (Act No. 125 of 1959)
Subject matter	Industrial designs
Nature of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/JPN/20_3444_00_e.pdf https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/JPN/20_3444_00_x.pdf
Notification status	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/JPN/45, IP/N/1/JPN/D/10
Brief description of the notified legal text The Design Act was revised to help companies protect digital technology-based designs by enhancing the scope of protection, etc.	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English, Japanese
Entry into force	1 April 2020
Other date	Adoption: 17 May 2019

Notification details

Submission date of notification	29 May 2020
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Other information	
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