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

JAPAN: PATENT ACT (ACT NO. 121 OF 1959)

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

<b>Title</b>	Patent Act (Act No. 121 of 1959)
<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/2020/IP/JPN/20_3442_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/JPN/20_3442_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/JPN/20_3442_00_x.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/JPN/20_3442_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<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)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<a href="#">IP/N/1/JPN/41</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/JPN/P/17</a>
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
The Patent Act was revised to upgrade litigation system so that the patents that companies have strived to acquire can play their proper role in protecting prized technologies.	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English, Japanese
<b>Entry into force</b>	1 April 2020
<b>Other date</b>	Adoption: 17 May 2019

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	29 May 2020
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<b>Other information</b>	
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