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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of
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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)

Notifying Member	JAPAN
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Patent Act (Act No. 121 of 1959)
Subject matter	Patents (including plant variety protection)
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_7334_00_e.pdf https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/JPN/20_7334_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/47 , IP/N/1/JPN/P/18
Brief description of the notified legal text	
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.	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English, Japanese
Entry into force	1 October 2020
Other date	Adoption: 17 May 2019

Notification details

Submission date of notification	27 November 2020
Other information	

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