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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)

*Latest revision: Act No. 42 of May 21, 2021*

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

<b>Title</b>	Patent Act (Act No. 121 of 1959) - Latest revision: Act No. 42 of May 21, 2021
<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/2021/IP/JPN/21_7487_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2021/IP/JPN/21_7487_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://ip-documents.info/2021/IP/JPN/21_7487_00_x.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2021/IP/JPN/21_7487_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/56</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/JPN/P/20</a>
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
The Patent Act was revised to clarify the scope of the protective order regarding trade secrets contained in the Investigation report.	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English, Japanese
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<b>Other date</b>	Adoption: 21 May 2021

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	29 November 2021
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