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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)

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

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

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| <b>Title</b>   | Design Act (Act No. 125 of 1959) - Latest revision: Act No. 42 of May 21, 2021   |
| <b>Subject matter</b>  | Industrial designs   |
| <b>Nature of notification</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation   |
| <b>Link to legal text*</b>   | <a href="https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/JPN/22_4091_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/JPN/22_4091_00_e.pdf</a><br><a href="https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/JPN/22_4091_00_x.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/JPN/22_4091_00_x.pdf</a> |
| <b>Notification status</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> First notification<br><input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text<br><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/58</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/JPN/D/14</a>  |
| <b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>  |  |
| 1. The revised act is to remove the requirement for licensors to gain consent from parties (licensees) that have received their non-exclusive licences when patent rights are corrected.                     |  |
| 2. The revised act is to review the structures of patent and other fees in order to address the growing burden on examinations and digitalized procedures and to attempt to balance revenue and expenditure. |  |
| <b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>  | English, Japanese  |
| <b>Entry into force</b>  | 1 April 2022   |
| <b>Other date</b>  | Adoption: 21 May 2021  |

**Notification details**

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| <b>Submission date of notification</b> | 27 May 2022   |
| <b>Other information</b>               |   |
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