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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: PATENT ACT (ACT NO. 121 OF 1959)

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

Notifying Member	JAPAN
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Patent Act (Act No. 121 of 1959) - Latest revision: Act No. 42 of May 21, 2021
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/2022/IP/JPN/22_4092_00_e.pdf https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/JPN/22_4092_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/59 , IP/N/1/JPN/P/21
Brief description of the notified legal text 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 introduce a new system which allows courts to broadly call for opinions from third parties in litigation involving patent right infringement and to allow patent attorneys to provide consultation services under the system. 3. 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.	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English, Japanese
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Notification details

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