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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/2023/IP/JPN/23_12961_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/JPN/23_12961_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/JPN/23_12961_00_x.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/JPN/23_12961_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/P/23</a>
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>  1. The revised Act is to enable restrictions on access to documents submitted in award proceedings when they contain trade secrets.  2. The revised Act is to review the delivery system so that documents such as examiner's decisions that are unable to be mailed to overseas residents will be deemed to have been sent by publication.	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English, Japanese
<b>Entry into force</b>	3 July 2023
<b>Other date</b>	Adoption: 14 June 2023

**Notification details**

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