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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: UNFAIR COMPETITION PREVENTION ACT
(ACT NO. 47 OF MAY 19, 1993)

Notifying Member	JAPAN
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Unfair Competition Prevention Act (Act No. 47 of May 19, 1993)
Subject matter	Undisclosed information
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/2024/IP/JPN/24_03619_00_e.pdf https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/JPN/24_03619_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/U/4/Rev.1
Brief description of the notified legal text	
The Act has been revised as follows:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Providing slavish imitations of others' products in the digital space has been added as an act of unfair competition;- Shared data with limited access that is kept secret has also been included in the scope of protection;- The protection of trade secrets has been strengthened by allowing an infringed party to make a claim for compensation for loss or damage in excess of the production capacity of the infringed party; and- Civil procedures in international trade secret infringement cases are clarified.	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English, Japanese
Entry into force	1 April 2024
Other date	Adoption: 14 June 2023

Notification details

Submission date of notification	4 June 2024
Other information	
Agency or authority responsible	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry 1-3-1 Kasumigaseki Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-8901 Japan Telephone: +81-3-3501-1511

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