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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. 51 OF JUNE 14, 2023

<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) - Latest Revision: Act No. 51 of June 14, 2023
<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/2024/IP/JPN/24_03540_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/JPN/24_03540_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/JPN/24_03540_00_x.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/JPN/24_03540_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/25</a>
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
The revised act is to review the fee reduction and exemption system. To encourage inventions and promote industrial development for those with financial and other constraints, a partial limit on the number has been set for the reduction or exemption of fees for patents of SMEs.	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English, Japanese
<b>Entry into force</b>	1 April 2024
<b>Other date</b>	Adoption: 14 June 2023

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	31 May 2024
<b>Other information</b>	

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