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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**

NEW ZEALAND: PATENTS (TRANS-TASMAN PATENT ATTORNEYS
AND OTHER MATTERS) AMENDMENT ACT 2016

Notifying Member	NEW ZEALAND
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Patents (Trans-Tasman Patent Attorneys and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2016
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/2021/IP/NZL/21_1818_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/NZL/P/5, IP/N/1/NZL/5
Brief description of the notified legal text	
<p>The Patents (Trans-Tasman Patent Attorneys and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2016 makes a minor, technical amendment to the grounds related to opposing the grant of a patent under the Patents Act 2013. It also inserts a new Part 6 to the Patents Act 2013 which gives effect to the joint patent attorney registration regime between New Zealand and Australia.</p>	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	21 November 2016; 2 Commencement <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Part 1 is deemed to have come into force on 13 September 2014.(2) Part 2 comes into force on a date appointed by the Governor-General by Order in Council, and different dates may be appointed for different provisions.(3) If any provision of Part 2 is not in force at the close of 24 February 2017, it is repealed on the day after that date.

	Section 2(2): Part 2 brought into force, on 24 February 2017, by the Patents (Trans-Tasman Patent Attorneys and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2016 Commencement Order 2017 (LI 2017/2).
Other date	

Notification details

Submission date of notification	5 March 2021
Other information	
Agency or authority responsible	Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (ip.policy@mbie.govt.nz)

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