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Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

CANADA: BILL C-13 (AN ACT RESPECTING CERTAIN MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19)

Notifying Member	CANADA
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Bill C-13 (An Act respecting certain measures in response to COVID-19)
Subject matter	Patents (including plant variety protection)
Nature of notification	<input type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/CAN/20_2850_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/CAN/26, IP/N/1/CAN/P/16
Brief description of the notified legal text	
<p>On March 25, 2020, Bill C-13 (An Act respecting certain measures in response to COVID-19) received Royal Assent. Bill C-13 amends Canada's Patent Act to empower the Commissioner of Patents, on the application of the Minister of Health, to authorize the Government of Canada or another specified person to supply a patented invention to the extent necessary to respond to a public health emergency that is a matter of national concern.</p> <p>These amendments include safeguards to protect the interests of patent holders; for example, ensuring that a patent holder receives adequate remuneration for the use of the patent, placing limitations on the duration of the authorization, providing the patent owner with notice of the authorization, and ensuring that the patent owner has recourse to the courts if any person authorized acts outside the scope of the authorization.</p>	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English, French
Entry into force	25 March 2020
Other date	Adoption: 25 March 2020

Notification details

Submission date of notification	21 April 2020
Other information	Patent Act: https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/p-4/FullText.html
Agency or authority responsible	Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada Marketplace Framework Policy Branch, Patent Policy Directorate 235 Queen St Building CD Howe Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H5 Canada Telephone: 343-291-2697

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