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

CANADA: PATENT RULES

Notifying Member	CANADA
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Patent Rules
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/2022/IP/CAN/22_7003_00_e.pdf (Bilingual text – English/French)
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/CAN/29 , IP/N/1/CAN/P/18
Brief description of the notified legal text Canada has amended its Patent Rules (SOR/2019-251) to streamline the patent examination process to better ensure efficient and timely processing of patent applications. The amendments also enable Canada to meet certain international commitments under the Patent Cooperation Treaty. The amendments to Canada's Patent Rules consist of two sets of amendments: sequence listing amendments and streamlining patent examination amendments. The sequence listing amendments, which entered into force on July 1, 2022, ensure compliance with the sequence listing requirements of WIPO Standard 26 (or ST.26). The streamlining patent examination amendments, which entered into force on October 3, 2022, introduce mechanisms to streamline patent examination, provide new safeguards to prevent loss of rights, and also contain housekeeping and miscellaneous amendments.	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English, French
Entry into force	3 October 2022
Other date	Adoption: 1 July 2022

Notification details

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Other information	Patent Rules: https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2019-251/page-1.html Patent Act: https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/p-4/FullText.html
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