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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**

FRANCE: ORDER NO. 2021-1658 OF 15 DECEMBER 2021 ON THE ATTRIBUTION OF  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OVER ASSETS OBTAINED BY SOFTWARE  
DEVELOPERS OR INVENTORS WHO ARE NEITHER EMPLOYEES NOR  
PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND WHO ARE BEING HOSTED BY  
A LEGAL PERSON CARRYING OUT RESEARCH

<b>Notifying Member</b>	FRANCE
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	Order No. 2021-1658 of 15 December 2021 on the attribution of intellectual property rights over assets obtained by software developers or inventors who are neither employees nor public officials and who are being hosted by a legal person carrying out research
<b>Subject matter</b>	Copyright and related rights; 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/2022/IP/FRA/22_5454_00_f.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/FRA/22_5454_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	Not applicable
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
Order No. 2021-1658 replicates the regime applicable to inventions and software created by employees or public officials for those created by natural persons hosted by public or private legal persons carrying out research. It extends to these persons who are neither employees nor public officials and who are being hosted by public or private legal persons carrying out research the possibility to bring before the joint conciliation commission for employees' inventions (CNIS) any dispute concerning the classification of the invention or the financial contribution made to the inventor.	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	French
<b>Entry into force</b>	16 December 2021
<b>Other date</b>	

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	18 July 2022
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Agency or authority responsible</b>	

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