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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of
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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER
ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

FRANCE: LAW NO. 2019-486 OF 22 MAY 2019 ON THE GROWTH
AND TRANSFORMATION OF COMPANIES

Notifying Member	FRANCE
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Law No. 2019-486 of 22 May 2019 on the growth and transformation of companies
Subject matter	Trademarks; Industrial designs; Patents (including plant variety protection); Enforcement
Nature of notification	[] Main dedicated intellectual property laws and regulations [X] Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/FRA/22_5437_00_f.pdf
Notification status	[X] First notification [] Amendment or revision to notified legal text [] Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	Not applicable

Brief description of the notified legal text

The Law on the Action Plan for the Growth and Transformation of Companies (PACTE), enacted on 22 May 2019, includes various measures on intellectual property:

- Patent-related measures: extension of the validity of utility certificates from 6 to 10 years and the option to convert a utility certificate application to a patent application (Article 118), the establishment of provisional applications for patents, the establishment of a procedure to oppose patents before the National Industrial Property Institute (INPI) (Article 121), and the strengthening of the substantive examination procedure for patents through an examination of the inventive step by the INPI (Article 122).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trademark measures: establishment of new types of trademarks (possibility of filing audio or multimedia files that allow a sound mark, motion mark, animated mark or multimedia mark to be heard and seen), changes to the trademark opposition procedure, and establishment of trademark invalidity or revocation procedures before the INPI. - Amendment to the statute of limitations: amendment to the commencement of the limitation period for infringement actions and the non-applicability of statutory limitation to invalidity procedures for industrial property titles (Article 124). 	
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Notification details

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Other information	
Agency or authority responsible	

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