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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**

JAPAN: DESIGN ACT (ACT NO. 125 OF 1959)

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

<b>Title</b>	Design Act (Act No. 125 of 1959)
<b>Subject matter</b>	Industrial designs
<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/2024/IP/JPN/24_01744_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/JPN/24_01744_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/JPN/24_01744_00_x.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/JPN/24_01744_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<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)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<a href="#">IP/N/1/JPN/D/18</a>
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
The revised Act is to:	
1. legally enable electronic filing of priority right documents, in response to the recent trend of digitalization; and	
2. relax the requirements for the procedure to obtain relief measures in cases where the creator, etc. has published multiple designs before filing the application.	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English, Japanese
<b>Entry into force</b>	1 January 2024
<b>Other date</b>	Adoption: 14 June 2023

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	27 February 2024
<b>Other information</b>	
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