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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: PATENT ACT (ACT NO. 121 OF 1959)

Notifying Member	JAPAN
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Patent Act (Act No. 121 of 1959)
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/2024/IP/JPN/24_01745_00_e.pdf https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/JPN/24_01745_00_x.pdf
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/JPN/P/24
Brief description of the notified legal text	
The revised Act is to legally enable electronic filing of priority right documents, in response to the recent trend of digitalization.	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English, Japanese
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Notification details

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Other information	

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