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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**

MYANMAR: PATENT LAW (7/2019)

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| Notifying Member | MYANMAR |
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Details of the notified legal text

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| Title | Patent Law (7/2019) |
| 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/MMR/24_02463_00_e.pdf https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/MMR/24_02463_00_x.pdf |
| Notification status | <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) |
| Previous notification(s) referred to | Not applicable |

Brief description of the notified legal text

The Patent Law was enacted by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with Law No. 7/2019 dated 11 March 2019.

The objectives of this Law are:

- (a) to protect the rights and interests of the patentee and inventor in accordance with this Law;
- (b) to develop the production of the State by promoting technological innovations and the dissemination and transfer of technology;
- (c) to be to the mutual advantage of technological knowledge and socioeconomic welfare between inventors and users of inventions;
- (d) to support a balance of the rights and obligations of the inventors and users of inventions;
- (e) to prevent the abusive exercise of the patent and practices by the patentee or right holder which unreasonably restrain trade; and
- (f) to encourage an environment of innovation.

According to Patent Law 2019, any patent shall be protected if it is new, involves an inventive step, capable of using in any industry, and not contrary to the provisions of the Law. The Patent Law

provides protection for both patents with a protection term of 20 years and utility models with a term of 10 years. Patent owners can enforce their rights against infringers only through civil actions.

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| Language(s) of notified legal text | English, Myanmar |
| Entry into force | The Law will be effective in the midst of 2024. The specific date will be issued soon. |
| Other date | Adoption: 11 March 2019 |

Notification details

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