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News

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The bill to amend Patent and other Acts in Japan

The bill to amend Patent and other Acts was passed into law and promulgated in May this year. This includes the following.

1) Review of the fee structure for Design and Trademark etc. (effective on April 1, 2021)

The Trademark Fee will increase as follows.

Registration Fee	Old	New	
Registration Fee	¥28,200×No. of Class	¥32,900×No. of Class	
Registration Fee	¥16,400×No. of Class	¥17,200×No. of Class	(By Installments)
Renewal Fee	¥38,800×No. of Class	¥43,600×No. of Class	
Renewal Fee	¥22,600×No. of Class	¥22,800×No. of Class	(By Installments)

2) Regulation related to International Design Application under the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Designating Japan – Filing of Priority Document (effective on October 1, 2021)

An applicant may submit priority documents at the time of filing as ANNEX V. If the earlier filing(s) has the DAS access code, you may indicate it and priority documents are deemed to be submitted.

Where a priority claim was made in the international application and priority documents were not submitted at the same time, they must be submitted directly to the JPO within three months from the date of publication of the international registration. If the earlier filing(s) has the DAS access code, indicate it and priority documents are deemed to be submitted.

Please see “Notes for the Designation of Japan in an International Design Application under the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement” below.

https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/system/design/hague/document/hague_notes_e/notes_e.pdf

(3) Tightening regulations on the influx of counterfeit goods from overseas (effective date unknown)

The definition of Trademark Use is amended so that bringing counterfeit goods into Japan commercially via postal mail, etc. will be an infringement.

If you have any questions or comment, please feel free to contract us.