
The Bill for Partial Amendment of the Patent Law, etc. was enacted and promulgated

We reported the situation and brief summary of the bill for partial amendment of the Patent Law, etc. in our [*Japan IP Updates, No. 4*](#). The bill was enacted on April 25, 2014 and was promulgated on May 14, 2014 as "Law #36".

Most of the items of the law will be enforced within one year from May 14, 2014 with exception described below:

(1) Expansion of possible proprietors of "regional collective trademarks"

This item will be enforced on the day within three months from May 14, 2014.

(2) Amendment of the Design Law

This item will be enforced on the day when the "Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs" becomes effective in Japan.

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