

Recent Amendments to Trademark Laws and Trademark Examination Guidelines

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Revising JPO's System: Enhance Online Procedures for Oral Proceedings in Trials

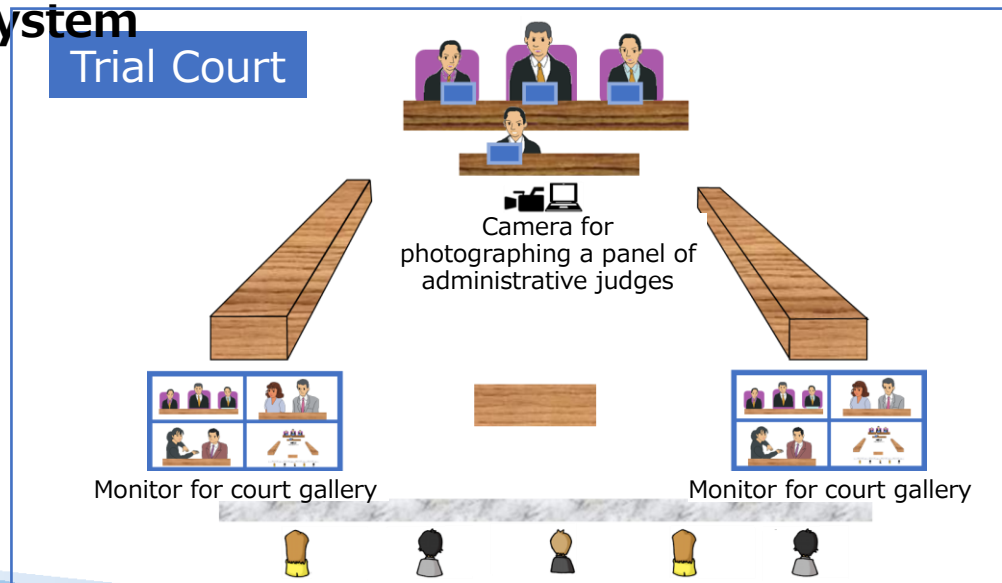
(Effective on October 1, 2021)

The JPO enhanced its online procedures for trials in order to conduct oral proceedings without being affected by COVID-19 infections, as well as to respond to changes in the structure of our society including the advancement of digitalization. Based on the decision of the chief administrative judge, concerned parties can undergo oral proceedings from anywhere in Japan through this online web conference system without appearing at the JPO trial court directly.

Oral Proceedings Using the Web Conference System



Demandants appearing in trial court online (conference room of their company, etc.)



Demandees appearing in trial court online (conference room of their company, etc.)

Revising JPO's System: Review of the Affixation for Seals (Signature) in Procedures

(Effective on January 1, 2022)

- Changes of operating procedures (e.g. digitalization) to address the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Reviewing the necessity of seals (signatures) for about 800 procedures filed with the JPO for which affixation of a seal was previously required
- Abolishing of the requirement for seals (signature) except for certain procedures

Procedures Requiring Affixation of Seals

(Signatures)

Examples:

- Procedures for changing the name of the applicant
- Procedures for registering trademark right transfers

**Confirmation
of
authenticity**

Revising JPO's System: Fee Structure

(Effective on or after April 1, 2022)

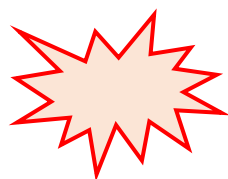
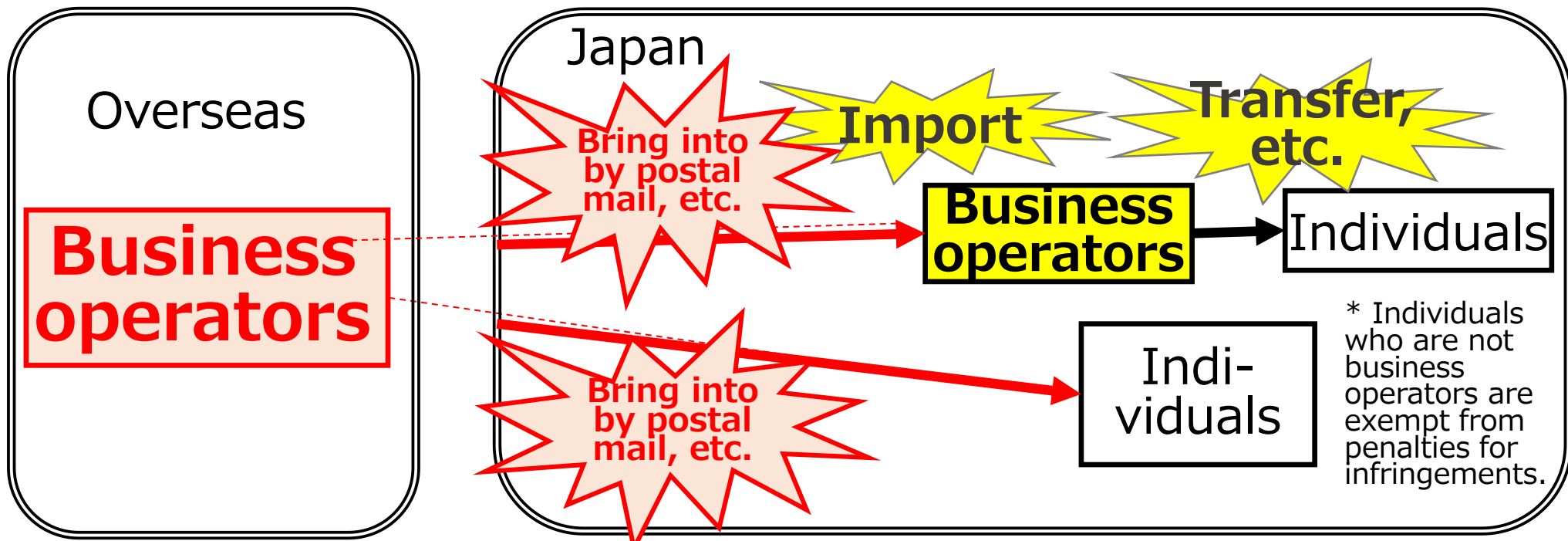
Trademark registration fees

Fee type	Fee before revision	Fee after revision
Application for trademark registration	¥28,200/classification	¥32,900/classification
Application for renewal fee	¥38,800/classification	¥43,600/classification

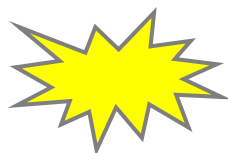
International application fee for trademark registration (Individual fee)

Fee type	Fee before revision	Fee after revision
Individual fee (the amount equivalent to registration fee)	¥28,200/classification	¥32,900/classification
Individual fee (the amount equivalent to registration fee)	¥38,800/classification	¥43,600/classification

Image of Legal Revision



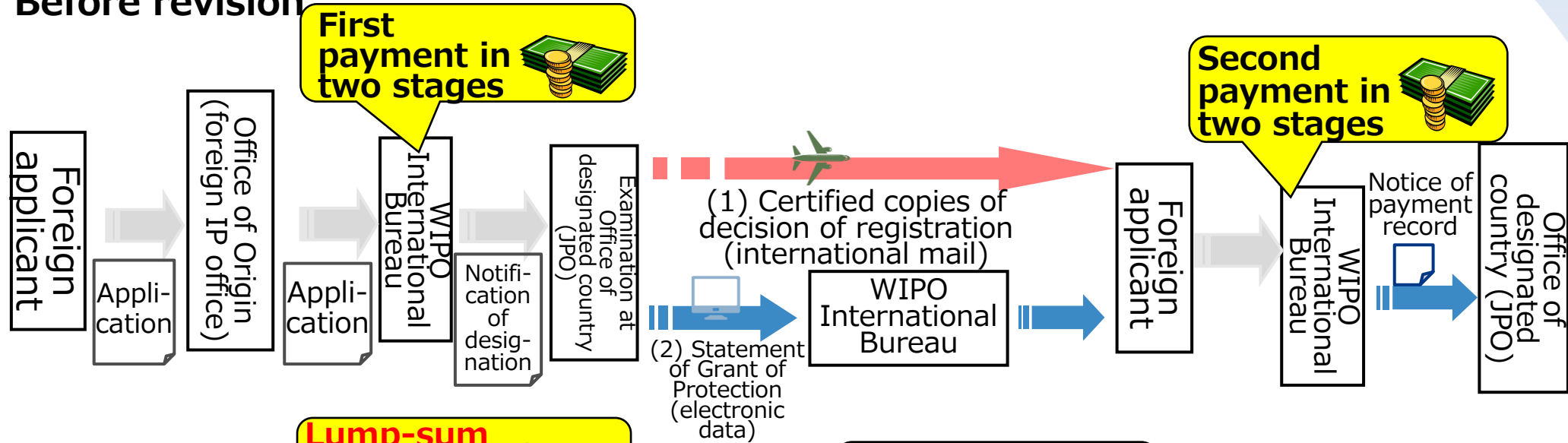
Acts that will be clearly recognized as IP rights infringement after the legal revision



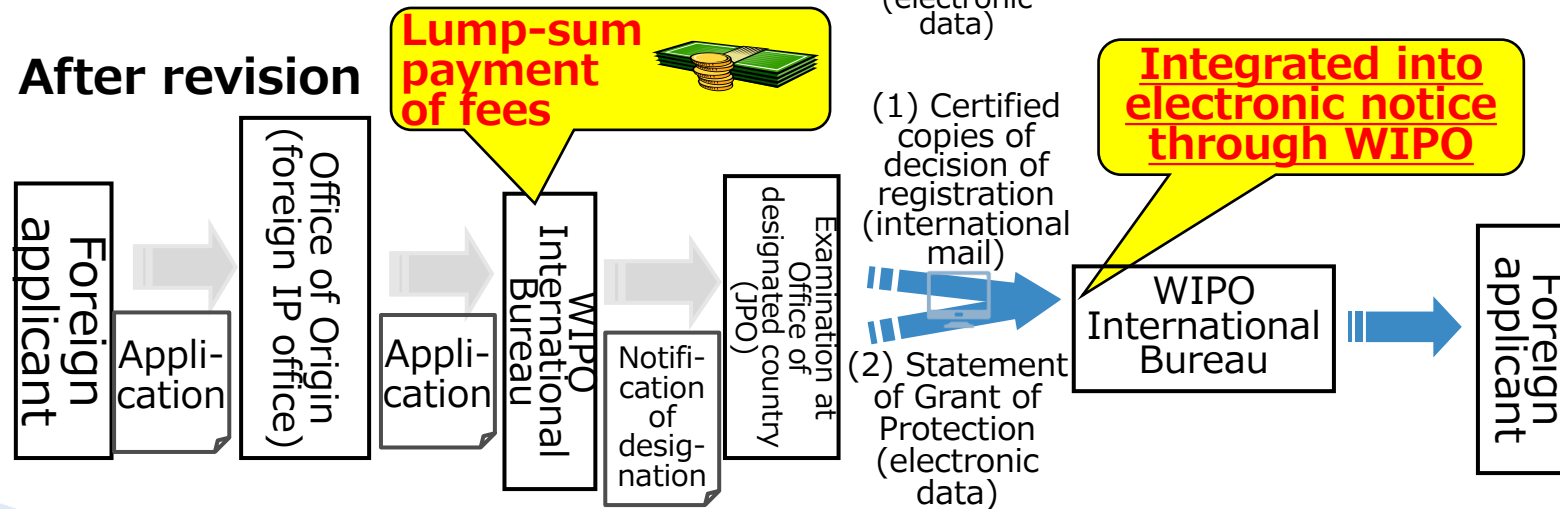
Acts that were determined to comprise IP rights infringements before the legal revision

Revising JPO's System: Abolishing the System to Make Fee Payments in Two Stages for International Trademark Applications / Revising the Method to Send Certified Copies of Trademarks Registration Decisions (To go into effect by May 21, 2023)

Before revision



After revision



Thank you very much !

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