

Revision to Trademark Act

Article 10, paragraph 1 of the Japanese Trademark Act has been revised to more clearly delimit the requirements for a divisional application for a trademark registration. Any divisional application(s) filed on or after June 9, 2018 is (are) derived from a parent application for trademark registration whose filing fees **have already been** paid.

Previously, if the parent application was merely pending (whether the fees were paid or not was of no consequence), a divisional application for a trademark registration could also be deemed to have the same priority date as the parent.