

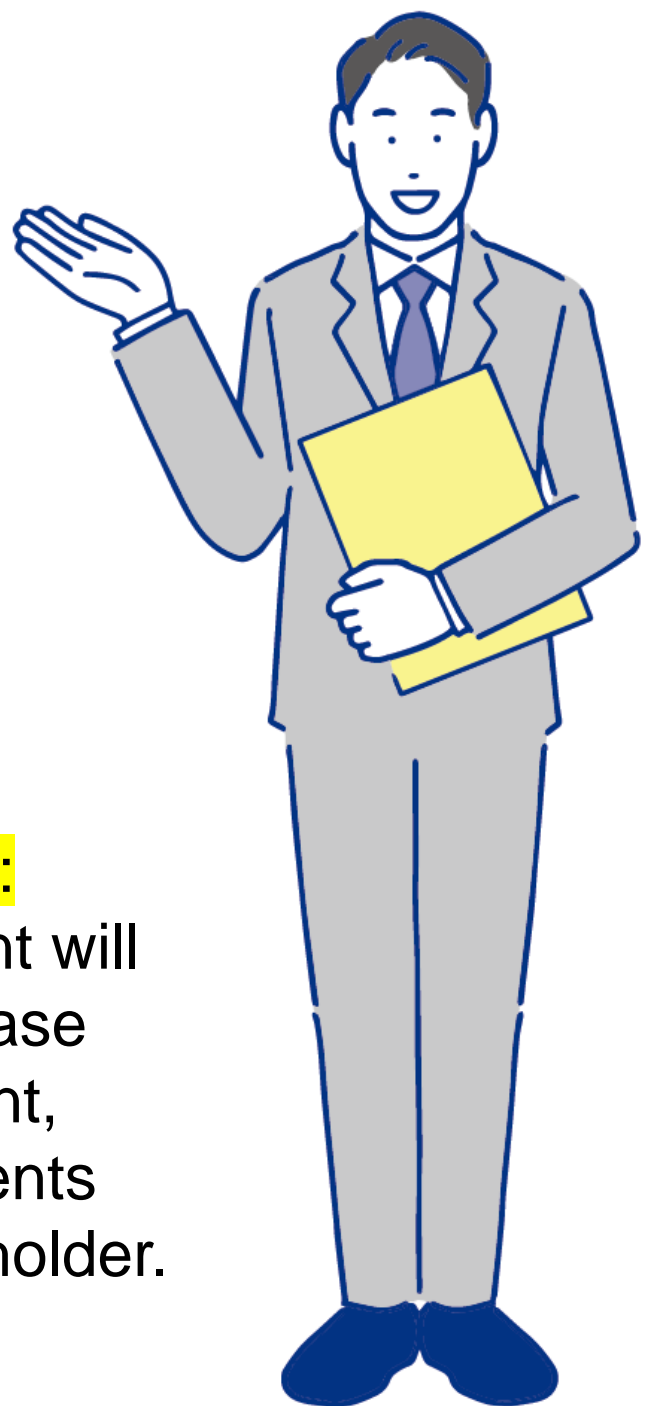
Effective April 1, 2022,  
the consent of the non-exclusive  
licensees will be no longer  
required for corrections or  
abandonment of patent rights, etc.

**For holders of rights:**





The burden of submitting  
a written consent of the  
non-exclusive licensees in  
the correction or  
abandonment procedures  
will be reduced.

**For non-exclusive licensees:**

If you hope that your consent will  
continue to be required, please  
review the license agreement,  
etc., so that prior arrangements  
can be made with the right holder.



# Procedures for which the consent of the non-exclusive licensees will be no longer required on or after April 1, 2022

-  Request for a trial for correction
-  Request for correction made in the course of proceedings for a trial for patent invalidation or opposition to grant of patent
-  Correction of utility models
-  Abandonment of patent rights, utility model rights or design rights



Will the consent of those, who have been non-exclusive licensees before April 1, 2022, be also no longer required?

- ▶ No consent will be required regardless of when the person became a non-exclusive licensee.

Will the consent of the exclusive licensees or pledgees be also no longer required?

- ▶ The consent of the exclusive licensees or pledgees will be still required.

Will the consent of the so-called semi-exclusive licensees be required?

- ▶ The semi-exclusive licensee who has special provisions that the patentee does not grant any licenses to a third party is legally a non-exclusive licensee and therefore the consent will not be required.

Will the consent of the holders of non-exclusive right to use be still required to abandon trademark rights?

- ▶ The consent of the holders of exclusive right to use, pledgees and holders of non-exclusive right to use will be still required to abandon trademark rights.

※ Note: In accordance with the Act on the Partial Revision of the Patent Act and Other Acts (Act No. 42 of May 21, 2021), Article 97(1) and Article 127 of the Patent Act, and Article 34-2 and Article 35 of the Trademark Act were revised and will come into effect on April 1, 2022.

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