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In Japan, any utility model that has been disclosed before an application has been filed to register that utility model will basically not be able to be registered. However, Article 30 of the Patent Act, which also applies to utility models, makes an exception to this rule. When the utility model was disclosed due to certain circumstances and ...Objectives of the Utility Model Law Issues before Utility Model Law was established- Many patent applications filed by foreign enterprises were patented- Many patent applications filed by domestic enterprises filed were rejected (Due to technological gap between Japan and developed countries at that time) Utility Model Law established in 1905 Revisions to Japanese Utility Model Law in 2004 became effective April 1, 2005 . (1) Terms of Utility Model Rights. The term for utility model rights has been revised from 6 years to 10 years, for which the filing date is on or after April 1, 2005 . Japanese Utility Model FAQs Utility Model 1. What subject can be claimed by a utility model in Japan? Utility model protection is limited to devices relating to the shape or structure of an article or combination of articles.