

## JPO's Response to Letter C9072 Regarding Exclusions from Patentable Subject Matter

The JPO is pleased to provide the following inputs on exclusions from patentable subject matter in Japan.

1. Inventions contrary to public order, morality or public health.

~~2. Methods of surgery, therapy or diagnosis of humans.~~

2. Those not considered as an invention or to be industrially applicable (by judicial precedents and Examination Guidelines):

a. The laws of nature as such.

b. Mere discoveries and not creations.

c. Those contrary to the laws of nature.

d. Those in which the laws of nature are not utilized (e.g., economic laws, arbitrary arrangements, mathematical formula, mental activities of humans).

e. Those not regarded as technical ideas (e.g., personal skill, mere presentation of information, mere aesthetic creations).

f. Methods of surgery, therapy or diagnosis of humans.

g. Commercially inapplicable inventions.

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