

**2004: System of the information provision for suspension of the importation of those articles infringing integrated circuits layout design rights**

The system of application for suspension does not apply to integrated circuits layout design rights. Instead, a right holder of integrated circuits layout design rights may provide the Customs for border enforcement with information for suspension of importation.

A right holder of integrated circuits layout design rights, who has valid grounds for suspecting that importation of the goods infringing its right may take place, may provide the Customs with information that would help Customs effectively take the necessary procedure of determining whether the goods are infringing or not. However, such information may not be accepted if Customs does not find possible infringement by the examination including examining the evidence submitted by the right holder.

If the Customs detected suspected importing goods with respect to the information above, the Customs notifies both the right holder and the importer of initiation of verification procedure.

Upon completion of the verification procedure, the result of determination will be notified to both the right holder and the importer. In case it is determined as infringing, the goods may be confiscated by the DG of Customs.

(Article 69-12 of the Customs Law)

(Subparagraph 12, paragraph 69-13 of the General Notification of the Customs Law)

For further information on IPR border enforcement by Japan Customs, please refer to the website below.

[https://www.customs.go.jp/mizugiwa/chiteki/index\\_e.htm](https://www.customs.go.jp/mizugiwa/chiteki/index_e.htm)