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IP AUTHORITIES IN MEXICO, SUSPENSION OF DEADLINES AND TERMS



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MEXICAN TRADEMARK AND PATENT OFFICE SUSPENDS ACTIVITIES

- The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property ("IMPI") **extended the suspension of all deadlines from March 24th to May 30th, 2020**, due to force majeure reasons.
- In addition, to implement the preventive measures ordered by the Ministry of Health, **IMPI suspended its activities from March 27th to May 30th, 2020**.
- The deadlines will become effective at the next working day that the suspension is concluded.
- Finally, since April 16th, 2020 it is possible to **file online trademark applications and to sign electronically briefs at IMPI's platform**.
- The Institute may summon strictly necessary personnel for the following:
 - a) Addressing urgent matters related to the administration of the Entity or any type of diligence that is necessary to contribute **to mitigate the effects of the pandemic**.
 - b) Ordering the **suspension of the free circulation of goods** from foreign countries in customs.
 - c) Ordering the **suspension of provisional measures** executed within an administrative infringement proceeding.

To access the preliminary draft of the Agreements at CONAMER's website, click [here](#) and [here](#).

It is pending the publication of the Agreements in the Official Gazette.

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MEXICAN COPYRIGHTS INSTITUTE SUSPENDS TERMS AND DEADLINES

- Due to force majeure, deadlines, terms, hearings and settlement meetings, notifications, official requirements and filing of briefs, as well as all kind of proceedings followed with the **Mexican Copyrights Institute will be suspended from April 20th to April 30th, 2020.**
- This **suspension will be deemed as non-business day**, hence during this period there will be no deadlines in the proceedings followed with the Mexican Copyrights Institute.
- **No requests nor briefs will be received at the Mexican Copyrights Institute**, except those that refer to the receipt of proceedings for the services offered as an extraordinary administrative measure. The procedure for receiving these can be consulted on its website.

FEDERAL COURT OF ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE- SPECIALIZED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY HIGH COURT

- On April 13 of this year, the Federal Court of Administrative **Justice extended the suspension of jurisdictional activities for the period from April 20th to May 5th, 2020**, therefore, those days shall be considered as non-working days, thus, there will be no deadlines or terms.
- **Temporary on duty Courts** are designated to solve only urgent requests that cannot be delay for (i) precautionary measures proceedings or (ii) for suspension of the challenged rulings' effects.
- The **Specialized Intellectual Property High Court shall remain on temporary duty** attending those urgent requests, through the Magistrate Óscar Alberto Estrada Chávez.
- **Sessions may be held virtually** by the General Plenary, Jurisdictional Plenary and Sections of the Superior Chamber; and, the Government and Administration Board, by means of technological resources.
- Despite the suspension of deadlines and terms the Federal Court of Administrative Justice **shall admit the filing of urgent proceedings** and shall proceed with the Courts on temporary duty to serve by means of the jurisdictional bulletin, except for those cases in which the interested party attends to be personally served at the Court's premises.

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- The Court's Regional Chambers are instructed that in regards to notices sent before the issuance of Official Agreement SS/10/2020 that suspended the deadlines, that the notifications made by means of the **jurisdictional bulletin** shall be deemed to have been made, until the suspension of deadlines are concluded.

FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURTS AND FEDERAL DISTRICT COURTS

The Federal Judicial Council has **extended the suspension of activities from March 18th to May 5th, 2020**, except for the following cases:

- a) The **Federal Courts designated on temporary duty** for urgent matters, in terms of the article 15 of the "Amparo" Law and 48 from the General Agreement of the Federal Judicial Council.
- b) The Federal Courts that remain on temporary duty that follow up and resolve **urgent determinations** in order to provide full justice.

The Fourteenth Federal Collegiate Court from the First Circuit was designated to remain on temporary duty.

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