

IP Authorities in Mexico extends suspension of terms

Intellectual Property – June 1, 2020

Mexican trademark and patent office extended the suspension period for all deadlines

- Due to force majeure, the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (“IMPI”) extended the suspension period for all deadlines as the main IMPI’s office is located in Mexico City, an area affected as of high transmission of COVID-19, so the gradual opening of activities will be following the Agreements of the Ministry of Health published in the Official Gazette on May 14 and 15, 2020, which establish a system of traffic lights by regions to assess epidemiological risk.
- The deadlines will become effective at the next working day that the suspension is concluded, not yet defined.
- Online trademark and patent filings may continue without disruption.

Mexican Copyrights Institute extended the suspension period for all deadlines

- Due to force majeure, deadlines, all terms, hearings and settlement meetings, notifications, official requirements and, filing of briefs, as well as all kinds of proceedings followed with the **Mexican Copyrights Institute will be suspended until June 15, 2020.**
- This **suspension will be deemed as non-business day**, hence during this period, there will be no deadlines in the proceedings followed by 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

- The Federal Court of Administrative Justice **extended the suspension of jurisdictional activities until June 15, 2020**; therefore, those days shall be considered as non-working days, thus, there will be no deadlines or terms.
- Temporary on duty Courts will continue solving urgent cases that do not admit any delay for (i) precautionary measures proceedings or (ii) for the suspension of the challenged rulings' effects.
- 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 through the jurisdictional bulletin, except for those cases in which the interested party attends to be personally served at the Court's premises.

Federal Circuit Courts and Federal District Courts

- The Federal Judicial Council extended **the suspension of activities until June 15, 2020**.
- The Federal Judicial Council's work scheme and contingency measures implemented during the public health emergency may continue, which is as follows:
 - I. **Resolution of urgent cases:** Only new cases that qualify as urgent will be processed, whether they are filed physically or through the online trial platform.
 - II. **Resolution of cases physically processed:** The resolution of those cases that have been physically processed and that only remains pending to issue the final ruling will resume.

For ordinary sessions of the Collegiate Courts, space will be set up on the Federal Judicial Council's website for the publication of session lists; those sessions will be held by videoconferences using the technological platform determined by the Federal Judicial Council.

- III. **Processing of trials through the online trial platform:** The processing and resolution of cases will be resumed, except for those that it still pending hearings or judicial proceedings, which require the presence of the parties or personal notifications.
- Additionally, there will be no procedural deadlines and terms, no hearings will be held, or proceedings will be carried out. The parties will be encouraged to file the new trials through the online platform.

Should these measures have an adverse effect on you, please do not hesitate to contact our team with expertise in intellectual property matters, who can be of assistance:

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