

The chart below provides the impact of coronavirus on patent and trademark proceedings at several IP offices worldwide as of May 17, 2020. Given the evolving nature of the situation, we expect further guidelines and notices from IP offices in the coming days and weeks. We are monitoring the situation and intend to provide further updates as information unfolds. If there is a question as to whether or how coronavirus may impact your IP rights, we recommend reaching out to a trusted lawyer to ensure that all IP rights are properly maintained and to determine if any action is required where ability to meet an official deadline may be called into question due to coronavirus.

Country	Patent Impact	Trademark Impact	Notes
US (4/28)	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> No automatic extensions of time.</p> <p>Deadlines for certain patent filings, fees, and PTAB proceedings falling between March 27<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> will be considered timely if filed on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> provided the delay in filing or payment was due to the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p><b><u>REVIVAL:</u></b> Fee for a Petition to Revive will be waived for a patent application or reexamination proceeding that went abandoned, expired, or was terminated on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.</p>	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> No automatic extensions of time.</p> <p>Deadlines for certain trademark filings, fees, and TTAB proceedings falling between March 27<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> will be considered timely if filed on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> provided the delay in filing or payment was due to the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p><b><u>REVIVAL:</u></b> Fee for a Petition to Revive will be waived for an abandoned or canceled/expired trademark or application that became abandoned (or canceled/expired) on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.</p>	<p>The CARES Act temporarily grants the USPTO director authority to toll, waive, adjust, or modify any timing deadline under the Trademark Act and the section 18 of the America Invents Act.</p> <p>The extension is available for qualifying deadlines where any person associated with a filing or fee was personally affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.</p>

		Petition to Revive must be filed within two months from the date of the notice of abandonment or cancellation.	
Australia (5/15)	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> No automatic extensions of time.</p> <p>From April 22<sup>nd</sup> through at least May 31<sup>st</sup>, Applicants impacted by COVID-19 can request an extension of time up to three months free of charge.</p> <p>Extensions are <b><i>not</i></b> available for payment of renewal fees.</p> <p><b><u>ORAL PROCEEDINGS:</u></b> Hearings via video conference, telephone, or written submission.</p>	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> No automatic extensions of time.</p> <p>From April 22<sup>nd</sup> through at least May 31<sup>st</sup>, Applicants impacted by COVID-19 can request an extension of time up to three months free of charge.</p> <p>Extensions are <b><i>not</i></b> available for payment of renewal fees.</p>	
Canada (5/13)	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> Most deadlines between March 16<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup> are extended until June 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> Most deadlines between March 16<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup> are extended until June 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>	The extension applies to time periods fixed under the Patent Act, Trademark Act and Industrial Design Act “in respect of any business before CIPO.”
China (3/27)   (2/14)	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> None.</p> <p><b><u>REVIVAL:</u></b> Applicant may request restoration of rights lost due to the coronavirus within two months of</p>	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> Deadlines shall be suspended from the date when applicant begins to be hospitalized or isolated after being infected with the novel coronavirus</p>	

	<p>removal of the obstacle.</p> <p>Restoration is free of charge.</p>	<p>pneumonia or the date when trademark businesses can't be handled normally in the place where the client is located due to official prevention measures until the date when the infected individual is discharged from hospital or the isolation ends, or the date when the official restrictions are lifted.</p> <p>A suspension application detailing the circumstances must be filed prior to the deadline.</p>	
EPO/EUIPO (5/15)	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> All deadlines after March 15<sup>th</sup> are extended until June 2<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p><b><u>ORAL PROCEEDINGS:</u></b> Postponed until at least June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Examining and Opposition Divisions, unless already confirmed to take place by videoconference.</p> <p>Oral Proceedings before the Boards of Appeal will resume in person hearings, to a limited extent, on May 18<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> No automatic extensions for deadlines falling on or after May 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>All deadlines between March 9<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> are extended to May 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Applicant may submit a request for an extension of time in <i>ex parte</i> proceedings and <i>inter partes</i> proceedings. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p>	
India (5/18)	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> Deadlines falling</p>	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> Deadlines falling</p>	

	<p>between March 15<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> are extended to June 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><b><u>HEARINGS:</u></b> All hearings scheduled between March 25<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> are canceled and will be rescheduled to a later date.</p>	<p>between March 15<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> are extended to June 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><b><u>HEARINGS:</u></b> All hearings scheduled between March 25<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> are canceled and will be rescheduled to a later date.</p>	
Israel (3/22)	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> No automatic extension of deadlines.</p> <p>Applicants may file for a request for an extension of time, and it is anticipated that extensions will be granted where Coronavirus epidemic impacted ability to respond.</p> <p>No files will close for failure to respond until at least May 1, 2020.</p> <p><b><u>Patent Tribunals:</u></b> Deadlines for submitting documents before the ILPO tribunal are suspended until May 1, 2020.</p>	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> No automatic extension of deadlines.</p> <p>Applicants may file for a request for an extension of time, and it is anticipated that extensions will be granted where Coronavirus epidemic impacted ability to respond.</p> <p>No files will close for failure to respond until at least May 1, 2020.</p> <p><b><u>Trademark Tribunals:</u></b> Trademark competition proceedings under section 29 of the Trademark Ordinance will not be initiated.</p>	<p>Certain functions are suspended until April 16, 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer of ownership and name changes;</li> <li>• Notices regarding formal deficiencies in national phase patent applications</li> </ul>
Japan (4/30)	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> No automatic extension of time.</p>	<p><b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> No automatic extension of time.</p>	

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S. Korea (4/28)	<b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> Automatic extension to May 31 <sup>st</sup> for certain deadlines falling between March 31 <sup>st</sup> and May 30 <sup>th</sup> .	<b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> Automatic extension to May 31 <sup>st</sup> for certain deadlines falling between March 31 <sup>st</sup> and May 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Extensions do not apply to statutory periods prescribed by law or treaty.
United Kingdom (5/13)	<b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> As of March 24 <sup>th</sup> all deadlines are extended until further notice. <b><u>TRIBUNAL HEARINGS:</u></b> No in-person hearings will be scheduled or take place until at least June 1 <sup>st</sup> .  Tribunal hearings will be conducted virtually (telephone, Skype, etc.).	<b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> As of March 24 <sup>th</sup> all deadlines are extended until further notice. <b><u>TRIBUNAL HEARINGS:</u></b> No in-person hearings will be scheduled or take place until at least June 1 <sup>st</sup> .  Tribunal hearings will be conducted virtually (telephone, Skype, etc.).	The UKIPO will provide two weeks’ notice as to when the “interrupted days” period during which deadlines are postponed will conclude and actions due-during the interrupted days will become due.
WIPO (3/19)   (3/25)	<b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> None, unless there is a closure of a Receiving Office or	<b><u>EXTENSIONS:</u></b> None, unless due to the closing of a Contracting Party IP	

	<p>other PCT Authority or the International Bureau, in which case all PCT time limits extend to the next open business day:</p> <p>Remedial action <i>may</i> be available for deadline missed due to temporary closure of the agent or applicant's place of work. See the <a href="#">WIPO March Newsletter</a> for additional details.</p>	<p>Office, in which case the time limit extends to the next open business day.</p> <p>Remedial action for failure to meet a deadline <i>may</i> be available where access to mail, delivery services, and electronic communication is impracticable due to effects of COVID-19.</p>	
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