

The chart below provides the impact of coronavirus on patent and trademark proceedings at several IP offices worldwide as of August 3, 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 (6/29)	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> No automatic extensions of time.</p> <p><u>Large Entities:</u> Relief for a delayed filing or payment occurring after May 31st as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak will be available on a case-by-case basis. Request for relief can be submitted through a petition for an extension of time or a petition to revive.</p> <p><u>Small and Micro Entities:</u> Deadlines for certain patent filings, fees, and PTAB proceedings falling due on or after March 27th will be considered timely if filed on or before September 30th provided the delay in filing or payment was</p>	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> No automatic extensions of time.</p> <p>Deadlines for certain trademark filings, fees, and TTAB proceedings falling between March 27th and May 31st will be considered timely if filed on or before June 1st provided the delay in filing or payment was due to the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p><u>REVIVAL:</u> 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 31st as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.</p>	<p>The USPTO has launched a COVID-19 Resource Center as a hub for access to USPTO initiatives, programs, and helpful IP-related information regarding 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</p>

	<p>due to the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p><u>REVIVAL:</u> The Petition to Revive fee will be waived for Petitions filed by July 31st, for a patent application or reexamination proceeding that went abandoned, expired, or was terminated as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.</p>	<p>Petition to Revive must be filed within two months from the date of the notice of abandonment or cancellation.</p>	<p>by the COVID-19 outbreak.</p>
Australia (7/15)	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> No automatic extensions of time.</p> <p>From April 22nd through at least August 31st, Applicants impacted by COVID-19 can request an extension of time up to three months free of charge.</p> <p>Extensions are <i>not</i> available for payment of renewal fees.</p> <p><u>ORAL PROCEEDINGS:</u> Hearings via video conference, telephone, or written submission.</p>	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> No automatic extensions of time.</p> <p>From April 22nd through at least August 31st, Applicants impacted by COVID-19 can request an extension of time up to three months free of charge.</p> <p>Extensions are <i>not</i> available for payment of renewal fees.</p>	
Canada (7/15)	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> Most deadlines between March 16th and August 7th are</p>	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> Most deadlines between March 16th and August 7th are</p>	<p>The extension applies to time periods fixed under the Patent Act, Trademark Act and Industrial Design Act</p>

	extended until August 10 th .	extended until August 10 th .	“in respect of any business before CIPO.”
China (3/27) (2/14)	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> None.</p> <p><u>REVIVAL:</u> Applicant may request restoration of rights lost due to the coronavirus within two months of removal of the obstacle.</p> <p>Restoration is free of charge.</p>	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> Deadlines shall be suspended from the date when applicant begins to be hospitalized or isolated after being infected with the novel coronavirus 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 (7/29)	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> All deadlines after March 15th are extended until June 2nd.</p> <p><u>ORAL PROCEEDINGS:</u> Oral proceedings in opposition postponed until December 31, 2020, unless scheduled/planned to be held by</p>	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> No automatic extensions for deadlines falling on or after May 18th.</p> <p>All deadlines between March 9th and May 17th are extended to May 18th.</p>	

	<p>videoconference. Oral proceedings in examination will continue to be held by videoconference.</p> <p>Oral Proceedings before the Boards of Appeal will resume in person hearings, to a limited extent, on May 18th.</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 (6/19)	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> Deadlines falling after March 15th stand suspended until further orders from the Supreme Court of India.</p> <p><u>HEARINGS:</u> All hearings scheduled between March 25th and May 3rd are canceled and will be rescheduled to a later date.</p>	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> Deadlines falling after March 15th stand suspended until further orders from the Supreme Court of India.</p> <p><u>HEARINGS:</u> All hearings scheduled between March 25th and May 3rd are canceled and will be rescheduled to a later date.</p>	
Israel (3/22)	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> 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</p>	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> 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</p>	<p>Certain functions are suspended until April 16, 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer of ownership and name changes; • Notices regarding formal deficiencies in national phase patent applications

	<p>until at least May 1, 2020.</p> <p><u>Patent Tribunals:</u> Deadlines for submitting documents before the ILPO tribunal are suspended until May 1, 2020.</p>	<p>until at least May 1, 2020.</p> <p><u>Trademark Tribunals:</u> Trademark competition proceedings under section 29 of the Trademark Ordinance will not be initiated.</p>	
Japan (6/10)	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> No automatic extension of time.</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. Such extensions may be requested for deadlines associated with patent prosecution and trials/appeals.</p>	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> No automatic extension of time.</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. Such extensions may be requested for deadlines associated with trademark prosecution and trials/appeals.</p>	
S. Korea (4/28)	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> Automatic extension to May 31st for certain deadlines falling between March 31st and May 30th.</p>	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> Automatic extension to May 31st for certain deadlines falling between March 31st and May 30th.</p>	Extensions do not apply to statutory periods prescribed by law or treaty.
United Kingdom (7/30)	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> All deadlines falling on or between March 24th and July 29th are extended to July 30th.</p>	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> All deadlines falling on or between March 24th and July 29th are extended to July 30th.</p>	

	<p><u>TRIBUNAL HEARINGS:</u> Tribunal hearings will be conducted virtually (telephone, Skype, etc.).</p>	<p><u>TRIBUNAL HEARINGS:</u> Tribunal hearings will be conducted virtually (telephone, Skype, etc.).</p>	
WIPO (3/19) (3/25)	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> None, unless there is a closure of a Receiving Office or 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 WIPO March Newsletter for additional details.</p>	<p><u>EXTENSIONS:</u> None, unless due to the closing of a Contracting Party IP 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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