Interactive Manual

On suspensions and overall changes in major IP offices and jurisdictional entities worldwide amidst the COVID-19 pandemic

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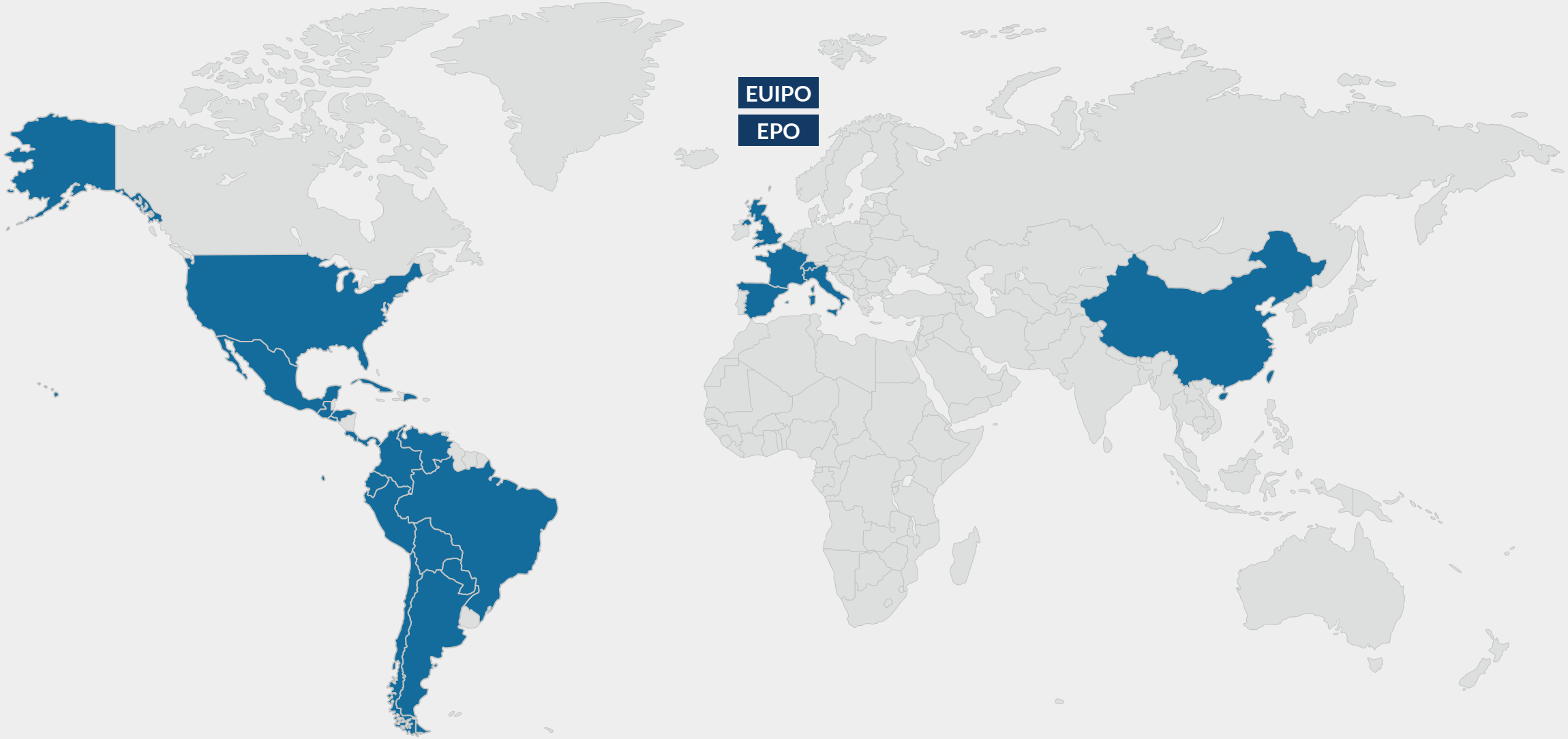

ARGENTINA

Institution

National Institute of Industrial Property

Entities having jurisdiction

The country is under compulsory quarantine until 27 April 2020, court proceedings are suspended.

Suspension of terms

INPI all deadlines in progress are suspended from 13 April 2020 until 26 April 2020.

Trademark and patent applications

INPI is operating with limitations.

Operation

Offices will be closed to visitors until further notice.

More information

BOLIVIA

Institution

National Intellectual Property Service (SENAPI)

Entities having jurisdiction

Total closure of courts until 30 April 2020.

Suspension of terms

Judicial and administrative terms will be suspended from 22 March until 30 April 2020.

Trademark and patent applications

Offices will be closed until 30 April 2020, online attention only.

Operation

Virtually. Online attention only.

More information

BRAZIL

Institution

National Institute of Intellectual Property (INPI)

Entities having jurisdiction

Courts will continue functioning virtually unless a proceeding may only be carried out on site.

Suspension of terms

INPI will suspend terms for all proceedings from 16 March until 30 April 2020.

Courts will continue functioning virtually and terms will not be suspended unless a proceeding may only be carried out onsite

Trademark and patent applications

Online attention only. Offices will be closed until 30 April, 2020 for onsite attention.

Operation

Virtually. INPI and courts will continue functioning virtually.

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CHILE

Institution

National Institute of Intellectual Property (INAPI)

Entities having jurisdiction

A law was passed that establishes a legal regime of exception for judicial proceedings. All Court proceedings are suspended.

Operation

On-site attention is suspended for the duration of the alarm state.

Documents associated with the processing of trademarks, patents and power of attorney, should be managed through the online services at //inapi.cl

Other documents such as trades, invoices and correspondence should be sent to oficinadepartes@inapi.cl

Trademark and patent applications

INAPI's electronic registry services are 100% operative to carry out the procedures, applications and payments online.

Suspension of terms

Proceedings suspended during the state of alert.

CHINA

Institution

China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

Entities having jurisdiction

Regular functioning

Suspension of terms

Terms will be suspended from the moment of appearance of an obstacle (quarantine or contagion) and until it is overcome. If a deadline is missed as a consequence of control measures, the applicant may invoke force majeure and request for a delay of 2 months.

Trademark and patent applications

Functioning normally and receiving online applications.

Operation

Online and onsite proceedings.

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COLOMBIA

Institution

Superintendency of Industry and Commerce (SIC)

Entities having jurisdiction

Court date suspensions until 30 April 2020. The statute of limitations, tacit withdrawal and the maximum length of the process terms are on abeyance until further notice.

Suspension of terms

The statute of limitations, tacit withdrawal and the maximum length of the process terms are on abeyance until further notice.

Trademark and patent applications

All services related to Industrial Property remain suspended until 31 March 2020. The suspension ended on 1 April 2020, nevertheless fees for renewal of trademarks and distinctive signs, as well as the payment of annuities for patent maintenance, will not be charged unless they are decided to be paid voluntarily.

Operation

Virtually. Offices will be closed to visitors until further notice.

Contact.

COSTA RICA

Institution

Industrial Property Registry (RNP)

Entities having jurisdiction

Local courts are currently open.

Suspension of terms

The RNP has not mentioned a closing date or suspension.

Trademark and patent applications

Available. However, the RNP has suggested to track prosecution proceedings by email only.

Operation

Virtually. They enabled the following emails for contacting: coordinadormarcas@rnp.go.cr, coordinadorpatentes@rnp.go.cr, caticr@rnp.go.cr, coordinadorasesoria@rnp.go.cr registropropiedadindustrial@rnp.go.cr. More information

CUBA

Institution

Cuban Office of Industrial Property (OCPI)

Entities having jurisdiction

Temporary suspension, with the exception of urgent or non-delayable cases

Suspension of terms

Suspension of IP office procedures and paperwork from 14 April 2020 until further notice

Suspension of jurisdictional legal proceedings that expire between 27 March 2020 to 4 May 2020.

Trademark and patent applications

Inquiries related to the Intellectual Property registration process will be handled through electronic form.

Operation

No on -site attention

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ECUADOR

Institution

National Service of Intellectual Rights

Entities having jurisdiction

Citizens access to judicial offices is restricted and terms are suspended.

Suspension of terms

Court and administrative proceedings before the SENADI are suspended until 19 April 2020.

Trademark and patent applications

All IP services are operating virtually

Operation

Virtually. Offices will be closed to visitors until further notice.
Contact: info@senadi.gob.ec/

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EL SALVADOR

Institution

National Registration Center (CNR)

Entities having jurisdiction

Total closure of courts, with the exception of peace and minor courts, which are receiving onsite and telephone requests.

Operation

CNR: only available for applications of financial entities at San Salvador's offices. Available for counsel via telephone at 2593-5000.

Courts: total closure, with the exception of peace and minor courts, which are receiving onsite and telephone requests.

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Trademark and patent applications

Offices closed from 20 March 2020 and indefinitely

Suspension of terms

Judicial and administrative proceedings suspended until 28 April 2020 continuing the obligatory social isolation.

SPAIN

Institution

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM)

Entities having jurisdiction

All court proceedings are suspended, except for essential services. This suspension is maintained for the duration of the state of alert.

Suspension of terms

Administrative procedures managed by the OEPM are suspended in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 463/2020, that is, for 15 days from 14 March 2020 or its extensions.

Deadline to file appeals in administrative proceedings, will be computed from the business day following the date of completion of the state of alert.

Trademark and patent applications

All IP services are operating virtually

Operation

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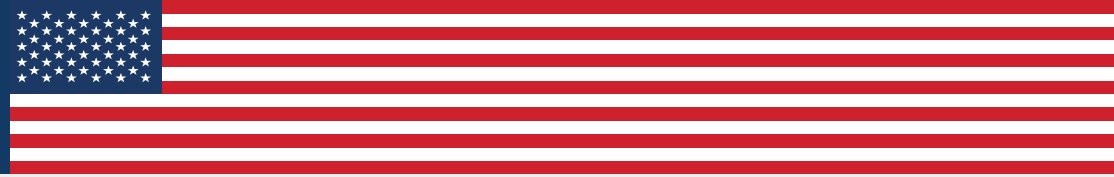
UNITED STATES



Institution

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Entities having jurisdiction

Interviews, hearings and other personal meetings scheduled will be held remotely by video or telephone.

Suspension of terms

Patent and trademark application deadlines and other deadlines are not randomly extended.

Trademark and patent applications

Waiver of original handwritten signature requirement and accepts copies of handwritten signatures. Also, USPTO is waiving petition fees in certain situations for customers impacted by the Coronavirus.

Operation

Virtually. Offices will be closed to visitors until further notice.

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FRANCE

Institution

National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI)

Entities having jurisdiction

Local courts are currently closed.

Suspension of terms

Court date suspensions since 12 March 2020 up to one additional month after the end of the emergency.

Trademark and patent applications

INPI teams actually continue processing requests normally by online means.

Operation

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GUATEMALA

Institution

Registry of Intellectual Property (RPI)

Entities having jurisdiction

Local courts will be closed until 20 April 2020.

Suspension of terms

Judicial proceedings will be resumed as soon as the local courts open.

Trademark and patent applications

Prosecution services provided by the RPI remain available. However, RPI offices will only be open to the public from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Operation

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HONDURAS

Institution

General Direction of Intellectual Property (DIGEPIH)

Entities having jurisdiction

Suspension of work and terms until 19 April 2020.

Suspension of terms

The absolute curfew is extended throughout the country for non-essential services until 19 April 2020.

Trademark and patent applications

Inquiries related to the Intellectual Property registration process will be handled only electronically

Operation

Considering that online services are not available, the Office has completely interrupted their services.

Official communications
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ITALY

Institution

Ministry of Economic Development

Entities having jurisdiction

Suspension of terms between the period between 23 February and 15 May 2020.

Suspension of terms

Judicial and administrative proceedings suspended between 23 February and 15 May 2020.

Trademark and patent applications

All IP services are operating virtually.

Operation

Virtually. Partial online and phone support. Contact through https://uibm.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/il-contact-center

MEXICO

Institution

Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI)

Entities having jurisdiction

There are no deadlines, terms, or hearings until 19 April 2020.

Suspension of terms

Court proceedings suspended from 24 March 2020 until 19 April 2020.

Trademark and patent applications

It is possible to carry out online trademark and patent procedures, without having to go to the offices, from 20 April 2020.

Operation

Virtually. Offices will be closed to visitors until further notice.

Más información.

PANAMA

Institution

General Directorate of Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI).

Entities having jurisdiction

Local courts will be closed until 30 April 2020.

Suspension of terms

Administrative terms were suspended until 31 March 2020.

Judicial proceedings will be resumed as soon as the local courts open.

Trademark and patent applications

Not available.

Operation

There is no virtual or on-site public attention.

Más información.

PARAGUAY

Institution

National Direction of Intellectual Property (DINAPI)

Suspension of terms

Suspension of all procedural, administrative, registration and personalized attention to the public until 19 April 2020.

Entities having jurisdiction

Suspension of activities until 19 April 2020 in the Criminal, Civil and Commercial and Labor Jurisdictions, both in the First Instance and in the Courts of Appeal o and the Court of Auditors, with the exception of the Courts and Tribunals of the Civil and Commercial Jurisdiction of the Capital that have an Electronic Judicial Record or Electronic Judicial Process.

Trademark and patent applications

Not available, it is not possible to submit documents, since it must be done in person.

Operation

Strictly necessary enquiries should be made via email to dinapi@dinapi.gov.py

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PERU

Institution

National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property

Entities having jurisdiction

Court and arbitration proceedings are suspended until 27 April 2020

Suspension of terms

All IP terms are suspended until May 6 2020.

Trademark and patent applications

All services related to Industrial Property and consumer protection remain functional.

Operation

Virtually. Offices will be closed to visitors until further notice.

Medio de contacto.

UNITED KINGDOM

Institution

Intellectual Property Office
(IPO)

Entities having jurisdiction

All sites are currently closed, no further physical hearings will be booked or take place until 1 June 2020. Hearings will continue to operate via virtual methods.

Operation

The majority of services remain unaffected and the IPO will continue to operate as normal.
For Tribunals services, please use the paperformcontingency@ipo.gov.uk email address to file all forms for which there is no online process and the tribunalsection@ipo.gov.uk email address to file all evidence.

Trademark and patent applications

Applications, publication and granting of patents, designs and trademarks will continue within the usual time frames and virtually.

Suspension of terms

Starting 24 March 2020, and subsequent days until further notice, all deadlines will be extended until the IPO notifies the end of the interrupted days period.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Institution

National Office of Industrial Property (ONAPI)

Suspension of terms

Judicial and administrative proceedings are suspended from 20 March 2020 until three working days after the end of the state of emergency

Entities having jurisdiction

The Council of the Judiciary provides for the suspension of administrative and jurisdictional work for all its dependent bodies and procedural, registration and administrative deadlines, resuming them three working days after the end of the state of emergency.

Trademark and patent applications

The payment and filing of the registration of trademarks can be done online through the E-SERPI. Patent proceedings are in person.

Operation

Virtually. Offices will be closed to visitors, applications and payments through:
https://www.onapi.gob.do/siteServices/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fsiteServices

SWITZERLAND

Institution

Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI)

Entities having jurisdiction

The Swiss Federal Council specified that Courts will be able to conduct hearings virtually through teleconferencing from 20 April 2020.

Suspension of terms

For all IP procedures, there will be a time limit extension of 2 months and an additional extension could be requested due to important reasons.

Trademark and patent applications

All procedures are put on hold until 19 April 2020.

Assisted patent searches and landscape analyses will be free of charge from 1 April until 31 May 2020.

Operation

Virtually. Offices will be closed to visitors until further notice.
Contact through: info@ipi.ch

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EUROPEAN UNION

Institution

European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)

Entities having jurisdiction

N/A

Suspension of terms

All deadlines are suspended from 9 March to 30 April 2020 (in practice it runs until Monday, 4 May 2020).

Trademark and patent applications

Operations are maintained, applications for trademarks and designs will continue to be received, reviewed and published.

Operation

The offices are closed, no visit is allowed and all events are postponed.

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EUROPEAN UNION

Institution

European Patent Office (EPO)

Entities having jurisdiction

N/A

Suspension of terms

All deadlines that expire from 15 March 2020 are extend until 17 April 2020.

Trademark and patent applications

The EPO has decided to postpone until further notice all oral procedures and opposition procedures scheduled until 30 April 2020, unless it has already been confirmed that they will be carried out by videoconference.

Operation

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VENEZUELA

Institution

Autonomous Service of Intellectual Property (SAPI)

Entities having jurisdiction

Local courts will be closed until 13 May 2020.

Suspension of terms

The days in which the SAPI remains closed will be considered as non-working days.

Judicial proceedings will be resumed as soon as the local courts open.

Trademark and patent applications

Not available, prosecution services provided by the SAPI are suspended until further notice

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