

COVID-19 IP IMPACT

As the global health pandemic **coronavirus COVID-19** continues to worsen, Intellectual Property (IP) offices and courts across North and South America are closing or reducing their services.

 ARGENTINA Legal services related to industrial property suspended until April 3	 ARUBA All services suspended until further notice	 BRAZIL Legal services suspended until April 14 Online services remain open	 CANADA Warned users to "expect significant delays" in all services as operations ramp down All deadlines extended until further notice
 CHILE Limited physical access to IP services	 COLOMBIA Procedural services within the administrative proceedings suspended until further notice Judiciary functions suspended until April 30 Certain online services still being provided	 CUBA The Industrial Property Office is open and operating normally	 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC All procedures suspended until further notice
 ECUADOR Industrial property office closed until further notice Certain online services still being provided	 GUATEMALA All services suspended until further notice	 HONDURAS All services suspended until further notice	 MEXICO Industrial Property Office closed until April 19 All filing deadlines falling within March 27th - April 19th will be extended to the first working day following April 19th
 PANAMA Industrial Property Office is closed until further notice	 PERU Industrial property office closed until further notice Legal and administrative services suspended until further notice	 VENEZUELA All services suspended until further notice	 UNITED STATES No longer requires handwritten signature on certain IP communications Waived some petition fees Granted extensions, if accompanied by a statement demonstrating that the delay was caused by the COVID-19

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