

# IP Newsletter

## JONAS is fully operative during COVID-19 pandemic

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to disrupt daily life, we sincerely hope that you, your loved ones and colleagues are unhurt and minimally affected.

### I. Work without interruption

Our office is taking measures to adapt to the situation caused by the pandemic. So far, our staff is working in the office without interruption. We have taken contingency measures to work from our homes when and to the extent it may become necessary to ensure that we will continue to operate without any disruption and remain ready to assist you with unaltered efficiency.

### II. Deadlines

While some offices have extended the deadlines granted by them, we nevertheless intend to continue to work to existing deadlines and due dates.

#### 1. German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA)

Deadlines in all current proceedings granted by the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (as opposed to statutory time limits) will be extended until 4 May 2020, or no decision will be made until then on the basis of the expiry of the deadline. In addition, the Office will continue to generously determine the time limits to be set by the Office in accordance with the situation.

[https://www.dpma.de/english/our\\_office/publications/important\\_notices/importantnotices2020/noticeofiomarch2020/index.html](https://www.dpma.de/english/our_office/publications/important_notices/importantnotices2020/noticeofiomarch2020/index.html)

#### 2. European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)

The European Intellectual Property Office has extended all time limits expiring between 9 March 2020 and 30 April 2020, that affect all parties before the Office, to 1 May 2020. In practice, this means that time limits are extended until Monday 4 May, given that Friday 1 May is a public holiday.

The decision applies to all deadlines relating to EU trade mark and EU design applications and disputes before the EUIPO that fall within the specified time period. The EUIPO has confirmed that it includes statutory deadlines (such as renewal and priority deadlines). The EUIPO has said that it is otherwise business as usual.

<https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/news/-/action/view/5644669>

### 3. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

WIPO has not extended any deadlines but has put in place remote working arrangements for its staff to ensure that the processing of applications is not affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. It is continuing to process applications filed through the Madrid System and Hague System and to administer other IP and related systems.

[https://www.wipo.int/portal/en/news/2020/article\\_0015.html](https://www.wipo.int/portal/en/news/2020/article_0015.html)

We will continue to keep you posted in case of changes. Meanwhile, keep well and keep safe.



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