Measures to manage the disruptions due to the COVID-19 outbreak

Extensions or interruptions of periods

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**National procedure**

extensions or interruptions of periods in view of the disruptions to public life caused by the COVID-19 outbreak

- yes

Until when are the periods extended or interrupted

23/06/20 included

Which periods are extended:

- Periods set by law
  - yes
- Periods set by the office
  - yes
- Periods for payments of fees, in particular renewal fees
  - yes

Extensions or interruptions of periods granted

by operation of law

**Validation of European Patents**

periods covered by the extension/interruption of periods

- Period for the filing of translations after grant pursuant to Article 65 EPC (if required)
  - no translation of EP patent prescribed before INPI
- Period for the payment of the validation/publication fee (if applicable)
  - no validation/publication fees before INPI
- Period for the payment of national renewal fees for European patents
  - yes

Legal basis and publications:

The legal basis for the extension/interruptions of periods in proceedings before the French Patent Office can be found here:

Ordonnance n° 2020-306 du 25 mars 2020 relative à la prorogation des délais échus pendant la période d’urgence sanitaire et à l’adaptation des procédures pendant cette même période

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