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: several terms are extended with 2 months

- 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
  - On request (NB. Exceptional cases)

**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): yes
  - Period for the payment of the validation/publication fee (if applicable): yes
  - 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 Netherlands patent office can be found under the following link:

- The relevant information for users concerning the extension/interruption of time limits in proceedings before the Netherlands patent office can be found under the following link (if possible, please use an English, French or German version of the text):