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: until further notice

- Which periods are extended:
  - Periods set by law: no
  - Periods set by the office: yes
  - Periods for payments of fees, in particular renewal fees: no

- Extensions or interruptions of periods granted: on request

**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
  - Period for the payment of the validation/publication fee (if applicable): no
  - Period for the payment of national renewal fees for European patents: no

**Legal basis and publications:**

Information for users concerning the extension/interruption of time limits in proceedings before the Norwegian Industrial Property Office can be found under the following link:

**Comments related to the responses above:**

The Norwegian Industrial Property Office will implement those measures it can to support rights applicants and attorneys affected by the situation, as far as is possible within the legal framework.

**Deadline extensions**

On 13/03/20, the NIPO gave internal instructions to its employees to grant a deadline extension to persons requesting this, due to Covid19. The instructions apply to

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deadline extensions in the application process and to correct formal errors.

For patents, a two-month extension will be granted. The NIPO must have received the request for a deadline extension before the deadline expires.

The instructions apply only to deadlines set by the NIPO. This means that they do not apply to deadlines determined by laws and regulations.

• Examples of deadlines determined by laws or regulations are priority deadlines, deadlines for resuming case processing after the rejection of an application and all deadlines for payment of fees during the examination process.

• Examples of deadlines set by the NIPO, and which are thereby covered by the instructions, are deadlines for responding to statements made by the NIPO, or for responding to statements from other parties in cases of opposition or administrative review.

Re-establishment of rights
If someone has failed to meet a specific deadline and have lost their application or granted/registered right, they may request re-establishment of their right. It will be sufficient to state briefly that not meeting the specific deadline was not deliberate, and that it is due to Covid19. In such cases, the NIPO will then take this into account without any further questions.

For the NIPO to be able to re-establish rights, there are certain deadlines that must be adhered to. Read more about the deadlines (https://www.patentstyret.no/en/terms-and-phrases/further-processing-despite-failure-to-meet-deadline/)