



# Extension of deadlines in the proceedings of the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office

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# Extension of certain deadlines until 2 June 2020



According to the information provided by HIPO on 5 May 2020, deadlines which were set by HIPO to rectify deficiencies and/or submit comments and which would have expired on or after 31 March 2020, **will be automatically extended until 2 June 2020** (instead of 4 May 2020, as previously defined) without any individual measure or notification to that effect. Until this date HIPO will not apply any sanctions for failure to comply with the aforementioned deadlines.



Deadlines set by HIPO to rectify deficiencies and/or submit comments **may also be extended upon request submitted before the expiry of the deadline**, provided that it is allowed by legislation.

Upon setting deadlines, HIPO will take into account - as much as possible under applicable legislation - the difficulties in relation to the current emergency period. This measure does not affect deadlines that will expire after 2 June 2020.



# Failure to meet the deadlines



- In **patent and utility model issues**, in the event of **failing to comply with deadlines** set by HIPO, a request for continuation of the proceedings due to the failure may be filed within 2 months from the notification of the decision taken after 2 June 2020.
- Upon submitting such request, the omitted **act must be simultaneously fulfilled as well**.
- Requests for continuing the proceedings will not be considered submitted until the **fees for such request** have been paid.



- In the event of **failing deadlines determined by industrial property laws**, a request for *restitutio in integrum* may be submitted in cases allowed by such laws.
- **The statutory deadline** for the submission of a service complaint regarding service of documents, or of an application for excuse regarding an omission **shall not include the period of state of emergency**.
- The request must render probable causes for the failure to comply and that the failure in question occurred without fault, and the omitted act must also be fulfilled.
- In view of the state of emergency, HIPO will proceed **fairly and equitably** when deciding on such requests.

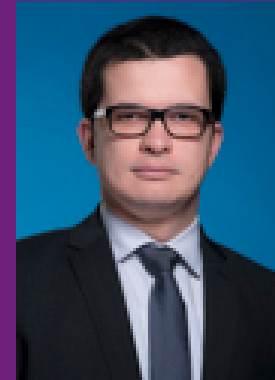
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