



## IPOPHL MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2021-005

**Subject: EXTENSION OF DEADLINES IN LIGHT OF THE  
DECLARATION OF AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY  
QUARANTINE**

**WHEREAS**, on 27 March 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (“IATF”) issued Resolution No. 106-A placing the highly urbanized cities of the National Capital Region, the municipality of Pateros, and the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal under Enhanced Community Quarantine (“ECQ”) until 4 April 2021;

**WHEREAS**, while all online services such as the filing of pleadings, filing of responses to action papers, and payment of fees shall remain available throughout the duration of the ECQ, IPOPHL recognizes that the transacting public may be unable to comply with previously imposed deadlines due to logistical challenges resulting from the imposition of the ECQ;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the following guidelines are hereby implemented:

1. Deadlines for filing and payments are hereby extended as follows:

Due date	New Deadline
29 March 2021	5 April 2021
30 March 2021	6 April 2021
31 March 2021	7 April 2021

Consistent with IPOPHL rules, those due on 1 April 2021 (Maundy Thursday) and 2 April 2021 (Good Friday) shall be due on the next working day or on 5 April 2021.

2. The above extension of deadlines shall not apply to payments of filing fees for new trademark applications. Thus, the filing date shall be accorded on the day actual payment has been made.

3. The extensions shall likewise not apply to the filing of written Third Party Observation (TPO) for inventions and Adverse Information (AI) on utility model and industrial design applications for PPE, medical/health care equipment/devices, and pharmaceutical products urgently needed to contain and address the COVID-19 health situation, which shall be governed by Memorandum Circular 2020-010.

4. Applications for patents, utility models, industrial designs and trademarks with a claim of priority shall be filed online to comply with the prescribed

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period for claiming of priority, provided that voluminous applications, or those which exceed 250 pages, may be filed manually and shall be granted the corresponding extensions.

5. The public is encouraged to transact all business with IPOP HL through its online platforms which shall remain available.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective until further notice. Previously issued Memorandum Circulars that are inconsistent with the foregoing are deemed modified, superseded, or amended accordingly.

Done on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021 in Taguig City, Philippines.

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New Deadline	Due date
8 April 2021	28 March 2021
8 April 2021	30 March 2021
7 April 2021	31 March 2021