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Intellectual Property – Impact of COVID 19: extension of the deadline at the INPI and EUIPO

The INPI - *Institut National de la Propriété Industrielle*, and the EUIPO - European Union Intellectual Property Office, have decided to extend the deadlines for monitoring trademark and design registration procedures due to Coronavirus pandemic.

By decision of March 16, 2020 No. 2020-32, the Director of the INPI thus decided that the time limits set by the INPI and not expired on March 16, 2020 are extended to 4 months with the exception of the time limits relating to trademark opposition proceedings.

The two-month period for filing opposition against a trademark application from the date of publication is therefore not interrupted.

DS AVOCATS assures you of its fully availability to initiate all oppositions to trademark applications that could present a risk of confusion with your prior rights, whether they are constituted by a company name or business name, a trade name, a sign, a domain name, a geographical indication, a name, an image or the reputation of a local authority or the name of a public entity.

The EUIPO has also decided to extend all time limits expiring between 9 March and 30 April 2020 inclusive until 1 May 2020.

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