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As part of our dedication to helping our clients stay up-to-date on the ever-changing landscape as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic, we've compiled the following highlights of changes to patent, trademark, and copyright operations around the world.

As always, a complete list of countries may be [found in our Google Document](#).

Update Highlights

- The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) [launched](#) a 'COVID-19 Response Resource Center' to provide stakeholders with improved access to USPTO coronavirus-related initiatives, on June 3, 2020.
- The European Patent Office (EPO) decided to postpone until further notice all oral proceedings in opposition scheduled until September 14, 2020, on June 3, 2020.
- The European Union IP Office (EUIPO) announced that it [has accelerated work](#) on its e-communications platform following reports of difficulties that customers are having when working from home, on June 8, 2020.
- Other general closures & deadline extensions have been added to the document.

If you have any patent or trademark questions during this time, do not hesitate to contact us.

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Vorys COVID-19 Task Force

Vorys attorneys and professionals are counseling our clients in the myriad issues related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We have also established a comprehensive Coronavirus Task Force, which includes attorneys with deep experience in the niche disciplines that we have been and expect to continue receiving questions regarding coronavirus. Learn more and see the latest updates from the task force at vorys.com/coronavirus.