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Update Highlights

- The U.S. Copyright Office has further extended the temporary adjustments to certain timing provisions for persons affected by the COVID-19 emergency through September 8, 2020.
- The Administrative Council of the European Patent Office (EPO) waived fees for belated payments of renewal fees falling due on or after March 15, 2020 up until August 31 2020.
- The Italian Patent and Trademark Office (UIBM) confirmed that PCT applicants are now able to obtain patent protection in Italy directly via an international PCT application, starting July 1, 2020.
- The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) released a high-level [patent filing data](#) for the first half of 2020 showing full recovery from coronavirus-induced drop, on July 9, 2020.
- The Brazilian IP Office (INPI) [has announced](#) the extension of teleworking until at least August 16, 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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