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Update: Changes to IP Operations Worldwide

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Update Highlights

- United States: The U.S. Copyright Office has extended deadlines for creators to register works to 30 days after the Office returns to normal business.
- European Patent Office (EPO): With respect to the planned increase of fees scheduled to begin April 1, 2020, all fees that were due prior to this date but are paid within the allowed extension period will not be subject to the increased fee schedule.
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO): All communication will be paperless for the foreseeable future.

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

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