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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

- European Patent Office (EPO) has announced that all oral proceedings in opposition scheduled until September 14, 2020, which have not already been confirmed to take place by videoconference, are postponed until further notice. [More info](#).
- French IP Office (INPI) [has postponed](#) all deadlines until either July 23, 2020 or August 23, 2020, depending on the case.
- Indian IP Office [has issued a notice](#) confirming that the due date for "all deadlines falling during the lockdown period" (March 15 until May 17 2020) are extended until June 1, 2020.
- Australian IP Office [launched](#) a free support and assistance services for small to medium Australian businesses affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, on May 25, 2020.
- Other general closures & deadline extensions have been added to the Google 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](https://www.vorys.com/coronavirus).