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

Update Highlights

- The European Patent Office (EPO) has announced that all in-person events through December 31 will take place online, unless indicated otherwise.
- The Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) has announced its final extension of designated days, with the agency confirming that any deadlines and fee payment dates falling between 16 March and 21 August 2020 are automatically extended until August 24, 2020.
- CIPO updated on August 5, 2020 a number of FAQs related to proceedings before the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, available [here](#).
- The Brazilian IP Office (INPI) [has informed users](#) that it has postponed face-to-face work until at least September due to the "evolution of the fight against covid-19."
- 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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