

Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks

Philippines: Closure of the Office

1. The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL) has informed the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) that it will not be open to the public, from March 16 to May 15, 2020. The IPOP HL is operational providing services and support online.
2. Accordingly, under Rule 4(4) of the Regulations under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, all periods under the Madrid System that concern this Office and that expire on a day on which the IPOP HL is not open to the public will expire on the first subsequent day on which the IPOP HL reopens. Therefore, those periods will expire on May 18, 2020.
3. The IPOP HL has also informed the International Bureau of WIPO that it has issued the IPOP HL Memorandum Circular No. 2020-011, which gives an extension of deadlines for all papers, pleadings, documents and payments thereof falling due between March 16 and May 15, 2020.
4. Furthermore, the IPOP HL has informed the International Bureau of WIPO that all scheduled hearings before the IPOP HL, including mediation, shall remain suspended until May 15, 2020.
5. For further information, users of the Madrid System may visit the IPOP HL's website at the following address: <https://www.ipophil.gov.ph/>, or consult the IPOP HL Memorandum Circular No. 2020-011, at the following address: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zE4qJtFVK8DwNibMHW-ceT4LK5m2TXtt/view>.

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