



Companies and Intellectual
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NOTICE

COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMISSION (CIPC)

PATENTS & DESIGNS, COPYRIGHT AND TRADE MARK-DIVISIONS

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN – COVID-19

Due to the national lockdown implemented in South Africa from Friday 27 March 2020 until Thursday 16 April 2020, notice is hereby given in terms of and for purposes of the Acts mentioned in the schedule below, that CIPC will be **closed to the public from WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2020 UNTIL THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2020.**

The dates from 25 March 2020 until 30 April 2020 will be regarded as *dies non* for purposes of the stated Acts.

Responses to official communications from CIPC, documents relating to extensions of any time periods (eg prosecution and opposition/cancellation time periods in respect of trade marks); documents relating to legal proceedings (eg affidavits in opposition/cancellation proceedings in respect of trade marks), etc. that fall due during the *dies non* period, are hereby extended and will now fall due on 1 May 2020.

The following practical implications will apply during this time period:

- All internal CIPC IP systems will not be available from Tuesday 24 March 2020, from 16h00.
- All external facing CIPC IP systems will not be available from Tuesday 24 March 2020, from 16h00.
- No manual lodgments of any documents will be available from Tuesday 24 March 2020, from 16h00.
- No Patent Journal will be published for the month of March 2020.
- No requests nor e-mails will be attended to, processed, or responded to from Tuesday 24 March 2020, from 16h00.
- The electronic query system of CIPC (QRS) will not be available from Tuesday 24 March 2020, from 16h00.
- The CIPC Call Centre will not be available from Tuesday 24 March 2020, from 16h00.

SCHEDULE

Trade Marks Act, 1993
Patents Act, 1978
Design Act, 1993
Copyright Act, 1978
Registration of Copyright in Cinematograph Film Act, 1977

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