



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BULLETIN

COVID-19



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COVID-19 IMPACT IN LATAM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICES

Country	Comments
Colombia (SIC)	Administrative terms suspended from March 16, 2020 until March 31, 2020. Digital services are operational.
Bolivia (SENAPI)	Terms suspended since March 16, 2020 until the quarantine ending. As of April 20, a virtual platform was set up to allow the registration of new distinctive signs, modifications, renewals and patent applications.
Ecuador (SENADI)	Administrative terms suspended from March 16, 2020 until May 27, 2020. Digital services are operational.
Peru (INDECOPI)	Terms suspended from March 16, 2020 until May 27, 2020. Trademark and patent searches, file consultations and renewals are available online.
Argentina (INPI)	Terms suspended from March 12, 2020 until May 24, 2020. Applications, briefs, responses to office actions and assignments can be submitted through the virtual platform.
Brazil (INPI)	Terms suspended from March 16, 2020 until May 31, 2020. The virtual platform is operational.
Chile (INAPI)	Face to face customer service is suspended. All the administrative terms (excluding oppositions) expiring between March 27, 2020 until May 15, 2020 are extended for half of the initial term.

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Cuba (OCPI)	Terms undefinably suspended since April 14, 2020.
Costa Rica (Registro Nacional)	There is no term suspension. The offices were temporally closed since May 11, 2020.
El Salvador (Centro Nacional de Registros)	Offices undefinably closed since March 20, 2020. Suspension of all types of deadlines until May 16, 2020.
Guatemala (Registro de la Propiedad Intelectual)	Office closed from March 16, 2020 to April 13, 2020. Terms were suspended from March 18, 2020 and up to 3 months after the end of the public calamity.
Honduras (Instituto de la propiedad)	The Office is closed since March 16, 2020. There is no deadline suspension, but it is impossible to comply with such terms given the existence of a curfew within the country. On April 27, 2020, an online platform was set up to process trademark applications and renewals.
México (IMPI)	Terms suspended from March 24, 2020 to May 30, 2020.
Nicaragua (MIFIC)	There is no term suspension, the office is operational.
Panama (DIGERPI)	Office closed since March 23, 2020. Terms suspended from March 17, 2020 to March 31, 2020. However, the terms will be considered suspended until the office reopens. Virtual platform only for consultation purposes.
Paraguay (DINAPI)	Terms suspended until May 3, 2020. Face to face service suspended since May 11, 2020. Electronic platform available for the payment of trademark applications and renewals.
Uruguay (DNPI)	The office remains active, there is no term suspension.
Venezuela	Terms suspended indefinitely since March 16, 2020. On April 27, 2020, a virtual platform was set up to process applications for registration of distinctive signs, background searches, assignments, change of address, change of name, mergers and patent applications.