

INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 31/2020

Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks

India: Closure of the Office

1. The Office of the Controller-General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks of India has informed the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) that the Indian Trade Marks Registry Office will not be open to the public from March 23 to May 3, 2020.

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 Indian Trade Marks Registry Office is not open to the public will expire on the first subsequent day on which the Indian Trade Marks Registry Office reopens. Therefore, those periods will expire on May 4, 2020.

3. The closure of the Indian Trade Marks Registry Office to the public may be extended.

4. For further information, users of the Madrid System may visit the website of the Office of the Controller-General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks of India at the following address: http://www.ipindia.nic.in/, or the website of the Indian Trade Marks Registry Office at the following address: http://www.ipindia.nic.in/trade-marks.htm.

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