

IPOPHL MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2021 - 2021-023

**SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF
MEDIATION OF IP CASES**

WHEREAS, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) through the Bureau of Legal Affairs provides mediation services giving opportunities for opposing parties in cases filed in the IPOPHL to resolve their disputes through amicable settlement;

WHEREAS, under Section 8 of IPOPHL Memorandum Circular No. 2020-047 ("Amendments to the Revised Rules of Mediation"), the mediation period is sixty (60) days from submission or referral, extendible to ninety (90) days if warranted;

WHEREAS, consistent with the strategic goals of the IPOPHL, it is desirable to further streamline processes and to adopt or achieve shorter timelines;

NOW THEREFORE, the following are hereby adopted as supplemental guidelines to the Revised Rules on Mediation, as amended:

1. Thirty (30) days after the submission of the case to mediation, the Bureau of Legal Affairs' Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (ADRS) in coordination with the mediator concerned, shall direct the parties to signify whether or not they want to terminate the mediation.
2. If the parties signify that they want an early termination, the mediator shall immediately terminate the proceedings in accordance with the relevant provisions under Section 8 of the Revised Rules on Mediation, as amended.
3. If the parties signify that they do not want an early termination, the mediation shall proceed accordingly.

This Guidelines shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective until further notice.

Done this 23 day of September 2021, Taguig City.



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