



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY  
OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINES

## IPOPHL MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2020-007

**SUBJECT : SUPPLEMENTAL ADVISORY RE: APPLICATIONS WHOSE PRIORITY DATE FALLS FROM MARCH 16, 2020 – APRIL 14, 2020**

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Memorandum issued by the Office of the President implementing Stringent Social Distancing and the declaration of an enhanced community quarantine for the management of the COVID-19 situation, the IPOPHL issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-006 on IPOPHL operations during the period;

**WHEREAS**, IPOPHL recognizes its obligation under Article 4(c) of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property on the grant of priority date;

**WHEREAS**, Section 31 and Section 131 of Republic Act No. 8293, otherwise known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, prescribe the requirement for the grant of priority date for invention, utility model and industrial design and trademark applications, respectively;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in view thereof, IPOPHL shall be implementing the following guidelines:

1. For invention, utility model, industrial design and trademark applications claiming priority date, online filing must be used to comply with the prescribed period for claiming of priority date.
2. Processing of new applications for patents, utility models, industrial designs, and trademarks, whether claiming priority date or not, filed from March 16, 2020 to April 14, 2020 through the IPOPHL electronic filing system shall be processed upon resumption of work.

This Memorandum Circular supplements IPOPHL Memorandum Circular No. 2020-006. It shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective until further notice.

Done on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, Taguig City, Philippines.



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