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OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINES

IPOPHL MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2020-008

SUBJECT : AMENDING CIRCULAR NO. 2020-06 RE: UPDATED ADVISORY ON IPOPHL SERVICES IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 GRANTING AN EXTENSION PERIOD OF FORTY-FIVE (45) CALENDAR DAYS FOR PAYMENTS AND FILING OF REPLIES, PLEADINGS, PAPERS, ETC. WITH DUE DATES FALLING FROM MARCH 16, 2020 – APRIL 14, 2020

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, the IPOPHL issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-007 as supplemental advisory to Memorandum Circular No. 2020-006 requiring the use of online filing systems in order to comply with the prescribed period for claiming priority date for invention, utility model, industrial design and trademark applications whose convention priority dates fall during the period from March 16, 2020 to April 14, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, IPOPHL supports the spirit of Republic Act No. 11469, otherwise known as the “Bayanihan to Heal As One Act” and joins the nation in providing relief to applicants and stakeholders faced with financial constraints and logistical challenges;

NOW THEREFORE, in view thereof, the following clarificatory guidelines are hereby implemented:

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. Payment of filing fees including claim for convention priority fee of new applications for patents, utility models, industrial designs, and trademarks, with or without claim of priority date filed from March 16, 2020 to April 14, 2020 through the IPOPHL electronic filing systems are deemed extended for a period of forty five (45) calendar days from the online filing date. However, applicants may still opt to pay using the online payment system upon filing.
3. Deadlines for all papers, pleadings, documents, and payments thereof falling due from March 16, 2020, to April 14, 2020, are deemed extended for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days from the due date.






This Memorandum Circular amends paragraph 3 of IPOPHL Memorandum Circular No. 2020-006 and clarifies Memorandum Circular No. 2020-007.

It shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective until further notice.

Done on this 26th day of March 2020, Taguig City, Philippines.



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