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Update Highlights

- The Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) has announced that all online services will be interrupted between August 21 at 7 p. m. EDT and August 23 at 11:59 a.m. EDT.
- The Australian IP Office has announced that fees will not apply for certain extensions of time during the COVID-19 pandemic that are requested from September 1 to September 30, 2020. More information is available [here](#).
- The Hong Kong IP Office has confirmed the continuation of its 'special work arrangements' until at least August 23, 2020. The agency is recommending users to take advantage of its e-services or send documents by post.
- Other general closures & deadline extensions have been added to the document.

If you have any patent or trademark questions during this time, do not hesitate to contact us.

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