

The Executive Director

**DECISION No EX-25-08 of the  
Executive Director of the Office of  
29 April 2025 on the extension of time  
limits for all parties to the  
proceedings**

The Executive Director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (the Office),

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the European Union trade mark (EUTMR) and in particular [Article 157\(4\)\(a\) and \(o\)](#) and [Article 101\(4\)](#) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002 of 12 December 2001 on Community designs, as amended<sup>1</sup> (CDR) and in particular [Article 100](#) thereof, and to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2245/2002 of 21 October 2002, implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002 on Community Designs (CDIR), as amended<sup>2</sup>, and in particular [Article 58\(2\)](#) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 28 April 2025 the massive power blackout affecting the Republic of Portugal, the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of France occurred due to problems with the European electric grid which affected national grids in these countries,
- (2) The massive power blackout consequently also affected Alicante (Spain), the seat of the Office, and constitutes an exceptional occurrence that has severely hindered or interrupted communications between the parties and the Office,
- (3) The exceptional occurrence may have prevented parties from accessing the Office's electronic systems and potentially rendered proper communication with the Office very problematic or impossible,
- (4) The disruption extends to all time limits.

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

*Article 1*  
**Extension of deadlines**

- (1) All time limits expiring between 28 April 2025 and 5 May 2025 inclusive that affect any party to the proceedings before the Office are extended until 6 May 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 386, 29.12.2006, p.14.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 193, 25.07.2007, p.13.

- (2) If the parties referred to in paragraph (1) above choose to meet their procedural obligations before the expiry of the extended time limit by submitting observations, documents or performing any other procedural act, the relevant time limit will be considered exhausted and the proceedings will continue without awaiting the expiry of the extension provided for in paragraph (1) above.

*Article 2*  
**Entry into force**

This Decision will enter into force on the day following its adoption and will be published in the Official Journal of the Office.

Done at Alicante, 29 April 2025



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Executive Director