

The Executive Director

**DECISION No EX-26-11 of the Executive Director of the Office of 12 June 2026 on the extension of time limits for the parties having their residence or registered office in Republic of the Philippines**

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 European Union designs as amended by Regulation (EU) 2024/2822 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 and in particular [Article 100](#) thereof,

Having regard to the general principles of EU law, particularly the principle of sound administration, as recognised by Article 41 of the [Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union](#),

Whereas:

- (1) On 8 June 2026 a strong earthquake struck the Mindanao region in the south of the Republic of Philippines (“Philippines”),
- (2) The above constitutes an exceptional occurrence that has severely hindered or interrupted communications between the Philippines and the Office,
- (3) The exceptional occurrence may prevent parties having their residence or registered office in the affected country from accessing the Office’s electronic systems and potentially renders proper communication with the Office very problematic or impossible,
- (4) In addition, communication between parties having their residence or registered office in the Philippines with their representatives in the EEA, could be obstructed or entirely interrupted,
- (5) The disruption extends to all time limits.

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

*Article 1*  
**Extension of deadlines**

- (1) All time limits expiring between 8 June 2026 and 8 July 2026 inclusive that affect parties in proceedings before the Office having their residence or registered office in the Philippines are extended until 9 July 2026.
- (2) If the parties to proceedings before the Office 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 under Article 1(1).

*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, 12 June 2026



João NEGRÃO  
Executive Director