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The Executive Director

DECISION No EX-26-17 of the Executive Director of the Office of 9 November 2026 on the extension of time limits for the parties or representatives having their residence or registered office in Poland

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 Regulation (EU) No 2026/715 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2026 on the European Union designs (codification), and in particular Article 90(4) EUDR 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 7 November 2026, a tragic event occurred in Kraków, Poland, where a shooting resulted in fatalities and injuries. Following this event, the Polish authorities declared a period of national mourning throughout Poland on 8 and 9 November 2026.

(2) The above constitutes an exceptional occurrence that interrupts or interferes with proper communication from parties and representatives having their residence or registered office in Poland to the Office,

(3) The exceptional occurrence may prevent parties and representatives having their residence or registered office in Poland from accessing the Office's electronic systems, and may render proper communication with the Office very problematic,

(4) The disruption extends to all time limits.

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Article 1
Extension of deadlines

(1) All time limits expiring between 7 November 2026 and 9 November 2026 inclusive that affect parties in proceedings before the Office having their residence or registered office in Poland, or who have appointed a

representative with a place of business in this area, are extended until 10 November 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, 9 November 2026.



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