

## Client Alert (COVID-19)

### Extension of Time Limits Related to Proceedings before the EUIPO and the Bulgarian Patent Office (BPO)

15 April 2020

***Important update*** regarding change of certain measures related to the official state of emergency of the Republic of Bulgaria (currently fixed to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020).

The suspension of the following **time limits** has been abolished:

- time limits, other than limitation periods, provided for in statutory acts with the expiry of which rights would lapse or preclude or obligations would arise for private entities;
- time limits for fulfilment of instructions given by the BPO.

By virtue of the amendment, said time limits will commence again after expiration of seven days from the date of promulgation of the amending legislation Law, i.e. on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020.