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**ARGENTINA**

**PTO lifts suspension of terms as of December 14, 2020**

Dear Colleagues,

We hope you all continue to do fine.

As we have been informing you all terms have been suspended by the PTO since March 12, 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By means of Resolution 194-2020 published in the Official Gazette on November 24, 2020 the PTO has now indicated that on December 14, 2020 it will lift the suspension of terms currently in force.

From that date all terms that were suspended as of March 12, 2020 will resume and start running for the remainder of their duration. For example, if a 30 day term was suspended on March 12, 2020 on its 10th day, as of December 14, 2020 the applicant will have the remaining 20 days of the original 30 day term to take the relevant action.

For all those cases in which we were served by the PTO of a relevant action during the time window in which the terms were suspended (March 12, 2020 through December 13, 2020) the terms will begin running on December 14, 2020. For example, if an Office Action was served to us on September 30, 2020 for a period of 30 days, said term will start running on December 14, 2020.

As you are aware, in the cases mentioned in the last paragraph we have been reporting all due dates as though no suspension was in place for the sake of good order. If needed, we will be able to use the extra time available to take the appropriate action.

Should you have any question or comment regarding a specific case and its due date please email us and we will come back to you as soon as possible.

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