

On 16 May 2020, the law of 14 May 2020 on the Amendment of Certain Laws Related to Protective Measures Against the Spread of the SARS-CoV-2 (Journal of Laws, item 875) entered into force. The above-mentioned law revoked article 15 zwr and article 15 zzs of the law of 2 March 2020 on Special Measures Related to Preventing, Counteracting and Fighting COVID-19, Other Infectious Diseases and Crisis Situations Caused by Them (Journal of Laws, item 374, 567, 568 and 695), therefore:

I. Time limits that were interrupted or suspended on the basis of article 15 zwr, par. 1 or article 15 zzs, par. 1 of the above-mentioned law of 2 March 2020:

- the time limits that did not start to run on the basis of article 15 zzs, par. 1 or article 15 zwr, par. 1 of the law of 2 March 2020, shall start to run 7 days after the day of entering into force of the above-mentioned law of 14 May 2020, which means that the day on which the time limit starts to run is 24 May 2020;
- the time limits that were suspended on the basis of article 15 zwr, par. 1 or article 15 zzs, par. 1 of the law of 2 March 2020, shall continue to run 7 days after the day of entering into force of the above-mentioned law of 14 May 2020, which means that the time limits shall continue to run as of 24 May 2020.

II. Hearings before adjudicative boards of the Patent Office:

In connection with the revocation of article 15 zzs, par. 6 of the law of 2 March 2020, the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland resumes its standard procedures in litigation. At the same time, for ensuring safety to all participants of the proceedings, special guidelines shall be introduced regarding a new organization of hearings before the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland. The detailed instructions will be presented on the website of the Patent Office: www.uprp.gov.pl.

The Patent Office of the Republic of Poland will make every effort to ensure that hearings can be held already in the second half of June 2020.