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BRAZILIAN PTO ACCELERATES PATENT EXAMINATION OF COVID-19-RELATED TECHNOLOGIES

On April 7, 2020, the BPTO published Ordinance No. 149/2020, in its Industrial Property Gazette, which formalizes the initiative to prioritize the examination of patent applications related to innovations that can be used to fight the pandemic of the new coronavirus (Covid-19). Focused on stimulating the production and licensing of new technologies, the measure is valid until June 30, 2021.

The new priority procedure created by the BPTO is intended for patent applications related to pharmaceutical products and processes and equipment or materials for use in healthcare, aiming at the diagnosis, prophylaxis and treatment of COVID-19.

Together with the actions carried out in the examination of patents, the BPTO is working to encourage the patenting of innovations in Brazil with a focus on fighting Covid-19 through mentoring activities and the Covid-19-Related Technologies Observatory, established in March 2020, whose objective is to disseminate technologies that can contribute to coping with the current situation - such as vaccines, medicines, diagnostic tests, masks and health equipment. Initiatives on funding and incentives for research in this area are also being disseminated.

Our Intellectual Property & Information Technology practice area is available to answer any questions regarding this topic.

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