



The Tribunal is taking the following measures given the current COVID-19 situation, effective immediately.

The Tribunal remains open for business but asks that parties and the public refrain from visiting its premises without prior notice.

### **Filing of Documents and Commencement of New Cases**

The Tribunal's electronic filing system remains fully operational. The electronic filing of all case documents is mandated by the Tribunal's Rules. The service and filing of documents in new and pending cases should proceed in the usual manner.

### **Hearings (Appeals)**

All scheduled in-person appeal hearings (case files beginning with AP, EP, EA) are cancelled up to **Tuesday, June 30, 2020**, inclusively.

The Tribunal will communicate with the parties to reschedule hearings in a manner that will ensure the just, most expeditious and least expensive determination of the proceeding on its merits. In doing so, the Tribunal will consider the nature and complexity of the case, the availability of parties and witnesses, consent of the parties, the order in which cases were to be originally heard (to the extent possible), and any other relevant factor, together with any representations that may be made by the parties.

Hearings may be conducted on the basis of the written record before the Tribunal (file hearing), telephone conference, or videoconference, having regard to available resources, and such other factors as the Tribunal may deem relevant. Although the Tribunal will solicit the views and hear representations from the parties, the mode of hearing will be determined by the Tribunal, in the exercise of its discretion.

The Tribunal may, in its discretion, issue procedural directions including provision for case management conferences, filing of supplementary written submissions, or other such directions as may be appropriate, having regard to the circumstances in any case.

The Tribunal will prioritize hearings for cases which it deems to require in-person attendance, as soon as in-person attendance is again possible.

All prescribed filing deadlines remain in effect. However, the Tribunal understands that parties may wish to seek extensions of time given the special circumstances. Requests for extensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## **Procurement**

Procurement review cases are proceeding in the usual manner.

Prescribed filing deadlines remain in effect. The Tribunal will consider any requests for extension of filing deadlines on a case-by-case basis, within the constraints of statutory deadlines.

## **Trade Remedy Cases**

Anti-dumping, countervailing duties and safeguard matters continue to follow their usual course.

Prescribed filing deadlines remain in force. Any requests for extension of filing deadlines will be considered by the Tribunal on a case-by-case basis, as the circumstances permit, and within the constraints of statutory deadlines.

Hearings in trade remedy proceedings scheduled for June 2020 are not expected to be held in person. The Tribunal will provide further directions and information regarding the affected proceedings in due course.

The Tribunal has no power to modify deadlines that are prescribed by statute.

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