

We deeply regret the situation caused by a huge and disastrous earthquake that hit the North East of Japan on 11 March 2011, which caused death of so many people and terrible damages. We wish to friendly people of Japan to overcome those sad circumstances in the shortest possible period. Please note that Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro will take into account the situation in Japan and treat all applicants from Japan with full understanding and respect.

Patents:

The applicants for granting patents, and the patent holders are legally entitled to re-establish their rights in cases when they could not undertake an action within the prescribed period of time, which directly had resulted in loss of right from the patent application or a patent, if:

- they submit the proposal for re-establishment of right and undertake all actions they failed to undertake in the prescribed time period;
- they indicate the reasons why they were unable to undertake the required actions in the prescribed time period;

The proposal for re-establishment of the right is to be submitted within three months from the date when the cause to fail to undertake the actions ceased to exist, and if the person who submits the proposal has learned about the failed action at some later time – from the date when he / she learned about the failed actions, but not later than 12 months from the date of the failed deadline.

Trade marks and design:

If the applicants for trademarks, and trade mark and design holders did not undertake a certain action within the prescribed time period, they are entitled by law to return into previous status / condition within one year period.

Yours sincerely,

Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro
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