

Information note concerning measures applied by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office in relation to applicants affected by the earthquakes on 14 and 16 April 2016

Due to the tragic events occurred in Japan between the 14th and 16th of April, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office would like to point out the measures provided by Spanish Law to address the situation of missed deadlines or procedures by those applicants, right holders, licensees, opponents and corresponding representatives with residence, domicile or a commercial establishment in the areas affected by the earthquake.

The measures shall be applied by the SPTO in a case by case basis in compliance with the Spanish legislation and taking into account the rights of possible interested third parties in the procedure.

The measures are, namely:

- **Restoration of IP Rights (Art. 25 Spanish Trademark Act, also applicable to other types of Industrial Property Rights)**
- **Restoration of Patents (art. 117 of the Spanish Patent Act)**
- **Extension of time-limits (Art. 36 Patent Regulation)**
- **Any other possible measure adopted as a result of irregularities in the postal service (art. 48 PCT and Rule 82 of the Regulation).**

(The original note in Spanish is to be considered prevalent)