

COVID-19**NOTARIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY ACTS****PRACTICE OF ACTS THROUGH REMOTE MEANS**

Last April the 16th, came into force Decree-Law 16/2020 which establishes extraordinary and temporary rules for the practice of acts through remote means. Among the several issues addressed in the aforementioned Decree-Law-Law, we briefly highlight the following changes to the procedures regarding acts near both the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI, IP), and the Institute of Registration and Notary Affects (IRN).

A) REGISTRY**REGISTRATION IN GENERAL**

- Civil, vehicle, commercial and property registration, as well as the hierarchical appeal against decisions that refuse registration acts, which are not possible to be made through the site, can now be madethrough email, by sending the request to the email address of the corresponding registration service;
- The procedures for the correction of technical deficiencies regarding registration requests made online, under this Decree-Law, will now be exempt from fees.

COMMERCIAL REGISTRY

- The incorporation of companies, increase and reduction of share capital and the appointment of managers are now considered urgent for the purpose of registration.

VEHICLE REGISTRY

- Subsequent registration of ownership of vehicles purchased by a verbal sales contract can now be made on the basis of an application signed by only one of the parties, sent by post, provided that the counterpart has previously made the online declaration.
- Requests for registration of vehicles sent by post shall be exempt from the need for a previous registration certificate.

CIVIL REGISTRY

- It is now possible to make online requests to obtain (i) death certificates; and (ii) birth certificates, within the scope of citizenship applications. Specific procedures were created to simplify this procedure.

B) INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

- It becomes mandatory for any requests or acts in the INIP to be performed or submitted through the electronic platform.
- The notifications of administrative acts or proceedings, promoted by the INPI, may now be made by email.

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