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**Royal Decree 537/2020 of 22 May.  
EXTENSION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY.  
MEASURES IN THE PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
AREA.**

**Royal Decree 537/2020 of 22 May was published in the Official State Gazette on 23 May, extending the state of emergency (declared by Royal Decree 463/2020 of 14 March) until 00:00 hours on 7 June 2020.**

**Certain measures are also adopted in the procedural and administrative area, which are detailed below.**



### Procedural time limits

On **4 June 2020** the suspension of procedural time limits stipulated in additional provision two of Royal Decree 463/2020 will be lifted and said provision will be repealed.

Under Royal Decree-Law 16/2020, the terms and deadlines suspended under additional provision two of Royal Decree 463/2020 of 14 March declaring the state of emergency will be calculated again as from the date of their **commencement** and therefore the first day of the calculation will be **the business day following the date on which the suspension ceases to be effective in the relevant procedure**.

Likewise, time limits in relation to appeals against judgments and other decisions that terminate the procedure and that are notified during the suspension of time limits or within 20 business days following the lifting of the suspension will be extended by a period equal to that envisaged for the procedure concerned.

### Administrative time limits

Additional provision three of Royal Decree 463/2020 will be repealed on 1 June 2020 and therefore **the calculation of the suspended time limits will resume or restart**.

Additional provision eight of **Royal Decree-Law 11/2020** provides that the term for filing administrative appeals or for initiating any other challenge, claim, conciliation, mediation or arbitration procedures that may replace them in accordance with applicable laws in any procedure that may result in unfavourable effects on the interested party will be calculated from the business day following the date of finalisation of the state of emergency.

### Prescription and expiration

On **4 June 2020** the suspension of limitation periods and the expiration of rights and actions stipulated in additional provision four of Royal Decree 463/2020 will be lifted and said provision will be repealed.

The full legal text may be consulted at the following link:

<https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2020/05/23/pdfs/BOE-A-2020-5243.pdf>

We will continue to inform you of any new socio-economic measures and/or changes in legislation that may arise as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The professionals that regularly work with your company are at your disposal for any clarification or additional information you may require in relation to the content of this Circular Letter. Please contact us by telephone at 934 677 414.**

Yours sincerely,

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