



Practice Direction and Order (COVID-19): Update #3 (May 29, 2020)

- [1] The Suspension Period described in the Court’s [Practice Direction and Order \(COVID-19\): Update #2 \(April 29, 2020\)](#) is hereby extended until Monday, June 15, 2020.
- [2] This is subject to the five exceptions described in paragraph 5 of that Practice Direction.
- [3] Subject to those same exceptions, and to provide parties and their legal counsel with an opportunity to prepare for hearings after the expiry of the Suspension Period:
- A. The timelines for the filing of documents and the taking of other procedural steps will be extended to Monday, June 29, 2020¹; and
 - B. The Court will not hold in person hearings until Monday, July 13, 2020.
- [4] Except to the extent described above, the aforementioned Practice Direction, as well as the [Updated Practice Direction and Order \(COVID-19\)](#), dated April 4, 2020 (as amended), remain in force.

¹ Rule 6(2) of the *Federal Courts Rules* does not apply to any timeline that was extended under the Suspension Period.

Ottawa, Ontario, May 29, 2020

PRESENT: The Honourable Mr. Chief Justice Paul Crampton

WHEREAS the Court issued an Order dated March 17, 2020 establishing an initial Suspension Period through April 17, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Court issued further Orders dated April 4, 2020 and April 29, 2020 extending the Suspension Period through May 15, 2020 and May 29, 2020 respectively;

AND WHEREAS the Court has concluded that the Suspension Period should be further extended through June 15, 2020;

ORDER

THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS THAT:

1. Subject to the exceptions described in paragraphs 6 to 9 of the Court's Order dated April 29, 2020:
 - a. The Suspension Period is further extended through June 15, 2020; and
 - b. All matters previously scheduled to be heard at a special sitting from June 29, 2020 through July 10, 2020 are adjourned *sine die*.
2. All General Sittings previously scheduled to occur in the period June 29, 2020 through July 10, 2020 are cancelled.
3. Where a hearing has been adjourned as a result of an Order establishing or extending the Suspension Period, parties shall provide the Judicial Administrator with their mutual dates of non-availability up to December 18, 2020. Such dates of non-availability shall be provided no earlier than May 29, 2020 and no later than the close of business on June 29, 2020. Such dates shall be communicated to the Court by email to HEARINGS-AUDIENCES@FCT-CF.CA. Where a matter has previously been placed in case management, such correspondence shall be addressed to the attention of the Case Management Judge.

4. Except to the extent set forth above, the Orders issued by the Court on April 4, 2020 and April 29, 2020 remain in effect.

Paul Crampton
Chief Justice