

Suspension of Judicial Periods are Extended until 15 June 2020

30 April 2020

As previously announced in our [newsletter](#), pursuant to Law No. 7226 on Amendments to Certain Laws (the **Law**), time limits concerning all legal proceedings, including those before civil, criminal and administrative courts and enforcement proceedings had been suspended until 30 April 2020. After closely monitoring the effects of the pandemic, the President of the Republic of Turkey extended this suspension period until 15 June 2020 (including), by way of a presidential decree, namely, “The Degree on Extension of the Suspension Period to Prevent the Loss of Legal Rights” published on the Official Gazette dated 30 April 2020 and numbered 31114 (**Decree**).

Following the Decree, the Council of Judges and Prosecutors (*Hakimler ve Savcılar Kurulu*) (**HSK**) also passed a general assembly resolution on 30 April 2020 and extended the implementation period of its previous decision numbered 2020/51. Accordingly, the postponement of all the hearings, negotiations and discoveries of courts of first instance and the regional courts are extended until 15 June 2020 (including).

Scope of the extended suspension

As per the Decree, excluding the mandatory administrative appeal procedures provided in the Public Procurement Law numbered 4734, all the time limits listed under the Law has been extended until 15 June 2020. As such, following time limits in legal proceedings and enforcement proceedings are suspended:

- i. all time limits in relation to the origination, exercise and termination of any rights, including the statute of limitations, peremptory terms for filing legal actions, commencing execution proceedings, warnings, notices, submissions, complaints and objections and the time limits under: (i) Administrative Procedure Law; (ii) Criminal Procedure Law; (iii) Civil Procedure Law; and (iv) other relevant pieces of legislation, which provide for certain time limits in relation to legal proceedings; as well as the time limits awarded by courts or applicable before mediation and reconciliation; and
- ii. all time limits regulated under the Execution and Bankruptcy Law and other legislation concerning enforcement proceedings; time limits determined by judges or enforcement and bankruptcy offices within the same scope; all enforcement and bankruptcy proceedings other than those related to alimony receivables, applications to initiate new enforcement and bankruptcy processes and procedures regarding the enforcement and execution of interim injunctions.

How will the time limits resume after 15 June 2020?

- After the suspension period until 15 June 2020, as of **16 June 2020**, the relevant time limits will continue to run from where they were left off.
- In cases where 15 days or less left until the deadline as of the day the suspension starts, such deadline is considered to be extended for 15 days, starting from the end of the suspension period (e.g. 16 June 2020).

However, please note that the Decree entitles the President to reassess the abovementioned suspension depending on the spread of the pandemic.

For further information on the suspension please refer to our note [here](#).

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