

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE



## PRACTICE DIRECTION 7 OF 2021

### COURT OPERATIONS DURING THE EXTENDED LEVEL IV COVID-19 NATIONAL LOCKDOWN PERIOD

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#### ***Amendment to Practice Direction 6 of 2021***

- 1) Practice Direction 6 of 2021 is amended in paragraphs 3, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 16 by the deletion of those paragraphs and substitution with the following:-

#### ***“Court Operations***

- 3) With effect from **29 July 2021**, the filing of new cases, process, documents, pleadings and papers shall be suspended for a period up to **19 August 2021**, unless the period is earlier extended or revoked.

#### ***Dies induciae / Prescription***

- 10) Any act required by the Rules to have been done during the period of the lockdown within a specified period of time, shall be done within the specified time limit calculated from the **19<sup>th</sup> of August 2021**.

11) Any act which would have been due within the remaining period of a *dies induciae*, shall be due to be done within the same remaining period of the *dies induciae*, calculated from the **19<sup>th</sup> of August 2021**.

### **Civil Matters**

12) All pending civil cases originally postponed or set down on the dates shown in **Column 'A'** of **paragraph 15**, shall be rolled over to the dates indicated in **Column 'B'** of **paragraph 15**.

### **Criminal matters**

15) All pending criminal cases **originally** remanded to the dates shown in Column **'A'** are rolled over to the dates indicated in Column **'B'**:-

<b>Column 'A'</b>	<b>Column 'B'</b>
<b>29 July 2021</b>	20 August 2021
<b>30 July 2021</b>	23 August 2021
<b>2 August 2021</b>	24 August 2021
<b>3 August 2021</b>	25 August 2021
<b>4 August 2021</b>	26 August 2021
<b>5 August 2021</b>	27 August 2021
<b>6 August 2021</b>	30 August 2021
<b>11 August 2021</b>	31 August 2021
<b>12 August 2021</b>	1 September 2021
<b>13 August 2021</b>	2 September 2021
<b>16 August 2021</b>	3 September 2021
<b>17 August 2021</b>	6 September 2021
<b>18 August 2021</b>	7 September 2021
<b>19 August 2021</b>	8 September 2021

***Effective date***

16) In light of the extension period of lockdown, this Practice Direction shall accordingly remain in effect until the expiry of the extended lockdown period.”

Hon. Mr. Justice L. Malaba  
**Chief Justice of Zimbabwe**

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**28 July 2021**