

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE



PRACTICE DIRECTION 3 OF 2021

OPERATIONAL DIRECTIONS FOR THE COURTS DURING THE EXTENDED COVID-19 LEVEL IV NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

Amendment of Practice Direction 1 of 2021

- 1) Practice Direction 1 of 2021 is amended in paragraph 6, 21, 22 and 24 by the deletion of those paragraphs and substitution with the following:-

“Court Operations

- 6) With effect from **5 January 2021**, the filing of new cases, process, documents, pleadings and papers shall be suspended for the period up to **15 February 2021.**”

“Criminal matters

20).....

- 21) All pending criminal cases **originally** remanded to the dates shown in Column **‘A’** are rolled over to the dates indicated in column **‘B’**:-

Column 'A'	Column 'B'
Original Remand Date	New date of remand
5 January 2021	23 February 2021
6 January 2021	24 February 2021
7 January 2021	25 February 2021
8 January 2021	26 February 2021
11 January 2021	1 March 2021
12 January 2021	2 March 2021
13 January 2021	3 March 2021
14 January 2021	4 March 2021
15 January 2021	5 March 2021
18 January 2021	8 March 2021
19 January 2021	9 March 2021
20 January 2021	10 March 2021
21 January 2021	11 March 2021
22 January 2021	12 March 2021
25 January 2021	15 March 2021
26 January 2021	16 March 2021
27 January 2021	17 March 2021
28 January 2021	18 March 2021
29 January 2021	19 March 2021
1 February 2021	22 March 2021
2 February 2021	23 March 2021
3 February 2021	24 March 2021
4 February 2021	25 March 2021
5 February 2021	26 March 2021
8 February 2021	29 March 2021
9 February 2021	30 March 2021
10 February 2021	31 March 2021
11 February 2021	1 April 2021
12 February 2021	2 April 2021
15 February 2021	5 April 2021

22) All summonses, subpoenas and warnings in court issued directing accused persons and or witnesses to appear in court between **5 January 2021** and **15 February 2021** are cancelled and shall be reissued after the expiry of the lockdown period.

23).....

Effective date

24) In light of the extension of the national lockdown period, 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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2 February 2021