

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE



PRACTICE DIRECTION 8 OF 2021

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

Amendment to Practice Direction 7 of 2021

- 1) Practice Direction 7 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) All Court operations previously suspended from the 29th of July 2021 up to the 19th of August 2021, are further suspended to the **24th of August 2021** on the same conditions stated in Practice Direction 7 of 2021.

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- 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 **24th 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 **24th 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'**:-

Column 'A'	Column 'B'
20 August 2021	9 September 2021
23 August 2021	10 September 2021
24 August 2021	13 September 2021

Effective date

16) This Practice Direction takes effect from the **20th of August 2021** and shall remain in effect until the expiry of the extended lockdown period."

Hon. Mr. Justice L. Malaba

Chief Justice of Zimbabwe

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18 August 2021