Tax Court of Canada



Cour canadienne de l'impôt

Notice to the Public and the Profession

Further to the Notices to the Public and the Profession issued on March 13th, March 23rd, April 17th and May 20th, 2020, and in light of the exceptional circumstances evolving constantly, the Tax Court of Canada is further restricting its judicial sittings and operations.

Cancellation of Sittings

The Chief Justice has further cancelled all Tax Court of Canada sittings and conference calls scheduled between July 6th, 2020 and up to July 17th, 2020, inclusively. Parties affected by these cancellations will be contacted directly by the Registry staff in the coming days.

At this time, sittings that are scheduled beyond August 17th, 2020 will proceed.

Please note that should circumstances allow for the resumption of the Court's operations in the coming weeks, the Court will sit during the 4-week summer recess and appeals will be scheduled between July 20th and August 13th, 2020. Parties whose hearings were interrupted in March by the closure of the Court or whose general appeals were adjourned in March and April can expect to be contacted in priority to schedule the continuation or hearing of their appeal.

At this time, the Court is also looking into conducting proceedings related to litigation process, such as Case Management Conferences and Status Hearings, by phone or online before the resumption of in-person Court sittings.

The Chief Justice will continue to monitor the situation closely and reassess on or before June 15, 2020, whether the judicial sittings schedule will have to be further altered.

Closure of Registry Offices

The Court and its Registry offices across the country remain closed for the transaction of business until further notice.

Please refer to the Notice to the Public and the Profession dated April 17, 2020 for information pertaining to the suspension of timelines, applications for extensions of time to file notices of appeal and rescheduling.

Updates and Return to Regular Operations

The Court is monitoring this situation very closely. Parties are encouraged to check the Court's website for updates and for information regarding the Court's return to regular operations and transaction of business.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2020.

(Original signed by Eugene P. Rossiter Chief Justice)

Eugene P. Rossiter Chief Justice