

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