

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update

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FTC Implements Temporary HSR E-Filing System; Early Termination Will Not Be Granted During This Period

As a result of developments relating to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Premerger Notification Office (PNO) of the Federal Trade Commission has announced that it will implement a temporary e-filing system for Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) filings. During this period, all HSR filings must be submitted electronically; hard copy or DVD submissions will not be accepted. The PNO will not accept any filings on Monday, March 16, 2020, and will begin accepting electronic filings on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

In addition, the PNO has advised that early termination will not be granted while this temporary system is in place. The Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice also will implement these procedures.