

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF

**EXTENDING CERTAIN STATUTORY
DEADLINES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
AND CIVIL FOREITURE
PROCEEDINGS**

STANDING ORDER 20-07

The United States has applied, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 983, for an Order granting a 60-day blanket extension of the statutory deadlines by which the government is required to (1) commence administrative forfeiture proceedings against seized property; and (2) commence civil judicial forfeiture actions following submission of timely administrative claims in such proceedings. The United States explained in the application how the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted United States Attorney's Office operations and the ability to meet certain deadlines for administrative and civil forfeiture proceedings. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that (1) for all federal seizures of property that occurred or will occur in the District of South Dakota between February 3, 2020, and April 30, 2020, the deadline established by 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(1)(A) (i) for any seizing Agency to commence administrative forfeiture proceedings against such property shall be and hereby is extended for a period of 60 days; (2) for all seizures of property by state or local law enforcement agencies in the District of South Dakota between January 3, 2020, and April 30, 2020, which seizures are thereafter federally adopted, the deadline established by 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(1)(A)(iv) for the adopting Agency to commence administrative forfeiture proceedings against such property shall be and hereby is extended for a period of 60 days; and (3) the 90-day deadline established at 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(3)(A) for the filing of a civil forfeiture complaint (or inclusion of an asset in a criminal indictment) following an Agency's receipt of a timely administrative claim between February 3, 2020, and April 30,

2020, is hereby extended to 150 days instead of the statutory 90-day period. To the extent that any Agency executed a 30-day extension of any administrative notice deadline pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(1)(B) on or before March 31, 2020, the deadline for the sending of the required notice is extended for 60 days from the current deadline. In accordance with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 983(a)(1)(C), further extensions of no more than 60 days each may be granted as necessary, upon an appropriate showing.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2020.



ROBERTO A. LANGE, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA