



**MIJARES ANGOITIA
CORTES Y FUENTES**

COFECE: EXTENSION OF THE SUSPENSION PERIOD

April 30, 2020

COFECE EXTENDS THE TIME PERIODS SUSPENSION AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE IN COVID-19 CRISIS**I. MEASURES ADOPTED**

In light of the current COVID-19 international crisis, to reduce the risk of spreading the virus the Federal Economic Competition Commission ("COFECE") has decided to extend the suspension period previously established from **May 6 to 29, 2020**.¹

COFECE did not establish other excluded procedures from this measure, apart from those indicated in its previous ruling dated April 14, 2020, published in Mexico's Federal Official Gazette on April 17, 2020.

I. EXCEPTIONS

Among the procedures that are exempt from the measure adopted, the following stand out:

- (i) Concentration notices;
- (ii) Opinions on bidding proceedings;
- (iii) Issuing licenses, concessions, permits and other similar items;
- (iv) Formal opinion requests in matters of free market access and economic competition;
- (v) Requests for general orientation in connection with the application of the law;
- (vi) The procedure for a sanction reduction benefit (Immunity Program);
- (vii) The procedure for an exemption and fine reduction benefit. In connection with the procedures for relative monopolistic practices or unlawful concentrations.
- (viii) Regarding the investigation procedures for relative monopolistic practices or unlawful concentrations, the term for the Plenum to issue a statement of probable responsibility or, in such case, determine the closing of the case file.
- (ix) The term for the Plenum to issue the relevant resolution for such procedures on which there is no outstanding action to be carried out by either the economic agent, or the authority.

¹ The decision was adopted on April 27, 2020 and published in Mexico's Federal Official Gazette on April 30, 2020.

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COFECE's facilities will remain opened, for submissions at all time during this period and these will be considered as submitted on the first day on which the time periods are resumed.

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