

COFECE: Extension of terms suspension

Antitrust – June 1, 2020

COFECE extends the time periods suspension as a preventive measure in COVID-10 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 **June 1 to 12, 2020**.¹

In addition to the procedures already excluded from the suspension period in COFECE's ruling dated April 14, 2020, COFECE now excluded the following²:

- (i) The procedure to carry out the production of evidence that had already been ordered, as long as it involves the submission of documents.
- (ii) Incidental procedures, proceedings followed in the form of a trial, summons for closing arguments, as well as the issuance of the file integration ruling.

¹ The decision was adopted on May 25, 2020 and published in Mexico's Federal Official Gazette on May 29, 2020.

² The procedures previously excluded from this measure include: (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; and (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.

(iii) All acts aiming to carry out the oral hearing set forth in the Law.

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.

Should these measures have an adverse effect on you, please do not hesitate to contact our team with expertise in antitrust matters, who can be of assistance:

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