

IFT: Extension of suspension of work and procedural periods

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The Federal Institute of Telecommunications extends the suspension of work and procedural periods 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 Telecommunications Institute (“IFT”) has decided to extend the suspension of work and procedural periods from **June 1 to 30, 2020**.¹

Notwithstanding the foregoing, to try to contain the economic impact on the country’s economy and particularly to telecom and broadcasting sectors, IFT has decided to exempt from these measures two additional procedures to those already excluded in its previous ruling.

Among such exempted procedures, considering those established under this ruling, the following stand out:

1. Concentration notices;
2. Requests for general orientation in connection with the application of the Federal Economic Competition Law, as well as several regulatory procedures.
3. The application for inclusion in the annual program of use and exploitation of frequency bands;

¹ The decision was adopted on May 29, 2020 and has not yet been published in Mexico’s Federal Official Gazette.

4. The request, from an interested party, to obtain orbital resources in favor of the Mexican State.

According to the decision issued by the IFT, the suspension of work and procedural periods imply that the IFT facilities will remain closed, without the possibility of carrying out promotions during this period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for those procedures exempted from this measure, promotions and notifications can be carried out through electronic means.

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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