

## **COFECE notifies economic agent of a statement of probable responsibility for possible relative monopolistic practices in the federal passenger transportation market at the Cancun Airport, in the state of Quintana Roo**

- *The Investigative Authority, in the Statement of Probable Responsibility considers there are sufficient elements to presume that the economic agent notified likely participated in an anticompetitive practice known as refusal to deal.*
- *This notification of statement of probable responsibility establishes the initiation of the trial-like procedure in which the economic agent will be able to respond to the allegations.*

**Mexico City, August 8, 2018.-** The Federal Economic Competition Commission (COFECE or Commission) notified an economic agent of a statement of probable responsibility for the alleged involvement in relative monopolistic practices in the federal passenger transportation market with origin in the Cancun International Airport, in the state of Quintana Roo.

The investigation under file DE-008-2016, initiated on March 31, 2016 resulting from a complaint, and concluded on April 6, 2018 with a Statement of Probable Responsibility. This was jointly investigated with a subsequent complaint on the same matter, filed under DE-008-2017.

Relative monopolistic practices are those in which one or several market participants have substantial power in a market, which they use to unduly displace their competitors, hinder market access or grant exclusive advantages that favor one or several economic agents.

The Investigative Authority indicated they learned via a report of the facts that allegedly derived in the commission of a relative monopolistic practice, known as refusal to deal; that is, refusal to sell, commercialize or provide available goods or services to certain individuals, which are normally supplied to third parties.

Said notification of probable responsibility marks the initiation of the trial-like procedure under the responsibility of the Commission's Technical Secretariat, in which the economic



agents may respond to and submit evidence related to the allegations presented against them. Once the facts have been addressed, the evidence processed, and the corresponding arguments presented, COFECE's Board of Commissioners may issue a resolution as per the law.

Should the Commission confirm a relative monopolistic practice has been carried out, the economic agents shall be sanctioned as per the Federal Economic Competition Law.

See in Spanish: [What is a relative monopolistic practice?](#) and [What are Statements of Probable Responsibility and why are they used?](#)

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