

COFECE notified individuals and legal entities of a Statement of Probable Responsibility for absolute monopolistic practices in the market for gasolines in the State of Baja California

- *The Statement of Probable Responsibility, issued by the Investigative Authority, indicates there are elements to presume the notified economic agents carried out agreements to fix, increase, arrange or manipulate the retail price of gasoline in the cities of Tijuana and Mexicali, in the state of Baja California, which may have occurred during the period under investigation.*
- *With the notification of the statement, a trial-like procedure is initiated, in which the notified parties will be able to address COFECE's allegations.*

Mexico City, February 26, 2019.- The Federal Economic Competition Commission (COFECE or Commission) notified several economic agents of a Statement of Probable Responsibility for carrying out absolute monopolistic practices (horizontal restraints or collusive agreements) in the market for the commercialization of gasolines and diesel at service stations in the state of Baja California, particularly in the cities of Tijuana and Mexicali.

This investigation, filed under DE-022-2015, initiated on January 7, 2016, resulting from a complaint and concluded on August 21, 2018. The Investigative Authority indicated, in the Statement of Probable Responsibility, having knowledge of facts that may have resulted in contracts, agreements, arrangements of the combination thereof between competing economic agents, with the purpose of effect of fixing, elevating, arranging or manipulating retail prices for the purchase or sale of gasoline in the cities of Tijuana and Mexicali, in the state of Baja California, which may have occurred during the period under investigation.

The notification of the statement of probable responsibility established the initiation of the trial-like procedure, carried out by the Commission's Technical Secretariat, during which the alleged offenders have the right to argue in their favor 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 an unlawful conduct be confirmed, the economic agents may be fined as per the Federal Economic Competition Law.



See in Spanish: [What is an absolute monopolistic practice?](#) and [What are Statements of Probable Responsibility and what are they used for?](#)

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