

Comisión Federal de Competencia Económica

COFECE-044-2020

Agreement of the Board of Commissioners on the suspension of legal terms for some procedures filed before COFECE

- This will apply from December 14 through December 18,2020 and from January 11 through January 15, 2021, however, days will continue to be accounted for as working days, and COFECE's facilities will remain open from Monday to Friday at regular business hours. Additionally, days from January 4 through January 8,2021 will be non-working days.
- This measure is adopted to decrease the risk of spread of the COVID-19 virus and to protect the health of its staff, economic agents, practitioners and the general public that visit COFECE's facilities.

Mexico City, December 11, 2020.- The Board of Commissioners of the Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission (COFECE or Commission) agreed to suspend, from December 14 to December 18, 2020 and from January 11 to January 15, 2021, legal timeframes and deadlines for some of the procedures filed before the Commission, specifically, those where human interaction is greater. During this period, days will continue to be accounted for as working days, and COFECE's facilities will remain open from Monday to Friday at regular business hours. Additionally, days from January 4 to January 8 of 2021 will be non-working days for all legal effects.

The foregoing is due to the resurgence of the conditions that gave rise to the suspension agreements in past months (published in the Federal Official Gazette on March 24, April 17 and 30, May 29, June 12 and 30). Particularly, given the situation that Mexico City is going through, in which the Commission is located, and where the highest number of estimated active cases in Mexico is observed. Moreover, December celebrations will increase human interactions, thus rendering it necessary to establish exceptional safeguard measures.

However, diverse procedures listed in <u>Agreement No. CFCE-315-2020 (in Spanish)</u> published today in the Federal Official Gazette and in COFECE's website will be exempted from this measure, as the social contact between public officials and the authorized representatives of economic agents is low or nonexistent, as they are carried out through electronic means. For these, <u>days will be accounted as working days and the corresponding legal timeframes and terms will apply; furthermore, all the proceedings required for their completion will be <u>carried out</u>.</u>





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It is worth noting that motions received for the rest of the procedures carried out before this Commission from December 14 to December 18, 2020, and January 11 to January 15, 2021, will be considered as filed on January 18, 2021.

Read: the <u>Agreement No. CFCE-315-2020</u> Visit the section <u>COFECE's agreements and actions derived from the sanitary emergency</u> Read the information on the <u>notification of concentrations through electronic means</u>.

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