

Cofece makes recommendations that will favor users of taxi and bus services at the Felipe Ángeles International Airport

- *The scheme presented by the airport for the opinion of Cofece, is consistent with the principles of competition and will be an important precedent for other airports.*
- *Cofece makes additional recommendations to maximize competition and avoid risks for taxi and bus users.*

Mexico City, March 13, 2022.- The Federal Economic Competition Commission (Cofece or Commission) analyzed the access system proposed by the Felipe Ángeles International Airport (AIFA or airport) for the provision of land passenger transport services in the modality of taxis and buses. Cofece concludes that the system, unlike the one that prevails in other airports in the country, would be open, would favor a greater supply of providers of these services and would generate incentives for these to provide better price and quality conditions.

The system proposed by the AIFA:

1. Would allow the entry of any interested party who meets the applicable requirements on matters of safety and quality, without having to belong to a group of taxi drivers or taxi company.
2. Does not impose undue discriminatory treatment or unjustified requirements that grant an exclusive advantage in favor of certain economic agents, or that represent artificial barriers to entry.

However, in the opinion issued by Cofece recommendations were made regarding the scheme proposed by the AIFA to guarantee and increase the benefits of competition for consumers.

Among the recommendations, it is proposed to modify some requirements, conditions and rules foreseen for the operation of taxis and buses, such as:



- Continuously maintain the validity of the proposed open system, as long as there is space availability in the facilities.
- Eliminate obligations for permit holders that could facilitate the conduction of anticompetitive practices.
- Facilitate schemes for the commercialization of tickets – ticket offices, automatic machines or electronic means– and implement a digital space in which consumers can compare prices.
- Establish as cause for rescission of the contract, the commission of absolute monopolistic practices (collusion), as well as relatives (abuse of market power accredited through a resolution by Cofece).
- Allow the provision of the service to digital platforms for passenger transport as long as these meet the requirements.
- Eliminate clauses that grant discretion to the AIFA, for example, to terminate a bus contract without a justified cause.

Lastly, it is clarified that the opinion issued by COFECE is only based on the documents and information provided by the AIFA, which is why the success of the proposed system depends to a large extent on its correct implementation. Likewise, the opinion does not prejudge on the realization of conducts or market structures that could be contrary to the Federal Economic Competition Law.

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