

Cofece makes public four investigations initiated in 2024, in accordance with legal provisions

Mexico City, June 6, 2025. In compliance with its legal mandate and observing the deadlines established by the Federal Economic Competition Law (LFCE per its initials in Spanish), the Investigative Authority (IA) of the Federal Economic Competition Commission (Cofece) today published in the Official Gazette of the Federation four investigations into possible anticompetitive practices in various strategic sectors of the country.

As a result of ongoing market intelligence and monitoring efforts, in the last quarter of 2024, the IA identified signs of possible practices affecting competition, leading to the initiation of three ex officio investigations. Additionally, one complaint led to a fourth investigation during the same period.

The investigations that were announced today are:

- 1. Possible illegal agreements in the market of chemical additives for construction in the national territory**
 - The investigation examines whether competitors entered into illegal agreements related to the production, marketing, or distribution of chemical additives utilized in various construction materials such as cement, mortar, and concrete.
 - These agreements may raise prices or limit access to essential construction products, key for economic growth and the welfare of families in Mexico.
 - Ex officio investigation, file number IO-003-2024.
- 2. Possible illegal agreements in public procurement of insurance**
 - The investigation examines whether companies engaged in illegal agreements while participating in public tenders for the purchase of insurance.
 - These agreements could drive up procurement prices, undermining the efficient use of public funds and reducing resources available for other government actions, such as social programs.
 - Ex officio investigation, file number IO-004-2024.
- 3. Possible unlawful concentration in the lime market in Mexico**
 - This investigation seeks to determine whether an unlawful concentration occurred in the market of production, distribution, and marketing of lime and related products across the country.
 - These types of investigations are launched when there are indications that a transaction between companies may have been carried out without notifying the authority, possibly affecting competition and consumers.
 - Ex officio investigation, file number IO-005-2024.
- 4. Possible abuse of dominant position in real estate buying, selling, and renting platforms**
 - The investigation aims to determine whether one or more companies are preventing or limiting other firms from participating in digital platforms for

listing, buying, selling, or renting properties, commonly known as multiple listing services (MLS).

- These platforms enable real estate agents and companies to share information about available properties for sale or rent, which helps individuals and families compare prices, locations, and conditions in a transparent and accessible way.
- Complaint investigation, file number DE-021-2024.

All investigations are currently in the information-gathering stage. As provided by the LFCE, this does not constitute a prejudgment, nor does it identify any parties as responsible at this stage. If, upon conclusion, evidence of a violation of the LFCE is found, the corresponding legal proceedings will be initiated. The Investigative Authority invites any person or organization with knowledge or relevant information regarding these investigations to come forward and submit it to the Commission. It is important to note that those who have participated in this conduct may be eligible for the benefits of Cofece's Immunity and Sanctions Reduction Program (In Spanish).

The IA will continue working with technical independence to promote open and efficient markets for the benefit of the population.

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