

Fourth extension of the suspension in the activities of the Mexican Antitrust Commission and its procedures

The Board of the Commission in its session held on May 25, which was published in the Official Gazette on May 29,¹ decided that the initial (March 23 to April 17), the second (April 20 to April 30) and the third (May 6 to May 29) suspension of terms will be extended. In this regard and effective as of June 1, all times and terms will be suspended until June 12, 2020, excepting those related to merger control procedures and the issuance of opinions or decisions in the granting of licenses, concessions, permits and similar procedures.

In addition to the foregoing, the procedures for which the terms will continue running normally are: *(i)* requests for formal opinions; *(ii)* general orientation; *(iii)* opinions related to article 12 sections XII, XIII, XIV, XV and XVIII of the Mexican Antitrust Act (the “Law”); *(iv)* public consultations; *(v)* the leniency program; *(vi)* the benefit of exemption or reduction of the amount of the fines; *(vii)* the next stage after the conclusion of the investigations for anticompetitive practices or illicit concentrations; *(viii)* the times for the Board of the Commission to issue a decision in any procedure, under certain conditions; *(ix)* the procedure and necessary steps to submit evidence that had been ordered, as long as its submission only involves the presentation of documents; *(x)* for the ancillary and trial-like procedures, the summons for closing arguments, the terms to submit closing arguments or the completion of the file ; and *(xi)* the actions leading up to holding the oral hearing set forth in article 83, section VI of the Law.

All the submissions made before the Commission during the initial, second, third and fourth suspension period that are not related to the procedures mentioned above will be considered submitted on June 15.

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