

Decree amending the Public Sector Acquisitions, Leases and Services Act entered into force

Today the Decree that adds a fifth paragraph to article 1 of the Public Sector Acquisitions, Leases and Services Act (“**Acquisitions Act**”) entered into force.

The amendment of article 1 is highly relevant since it excludes from the field of application of the Acquisitions Act the acquisition of health products or services that agencies and entities contract with international inter-governmental bodies, through previously established collaboration mechanisms, provided that the principles established in the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States are complied with.

Although a proposal for the comprehensive reform of the Acquisitions Act was presented on April 14, 2020, taking into consideration the “urgency” caused by the situation of the country as a result of the SARS-COV2 virus which generates the Covid-19 illness, the Permanent Commission of the Congress of the Union insisted that it was necessary to act with respect to the amendment of article 1 of the Acquisitions Act since it was a priority. In this regard, it was neither discussed nor mentioned whether the comprehensive reform of the Acquisitions Act previously presented, which included the referred amendment to article 1, would eventually be submitted for approval.

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