

SEMARNAT simplifies procedures and issues new forms to be used for submitting applications

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On April 24, 2025, the "Agreement by which the implemented administrative simplification measures are made public and the forms for procedures under of the responsibility of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources are issued and modified" (the "Agreement") was published in the Federal Official Gazette (*Diario Oficial de la Federación*) (the "DOF"). The Agreement encourages interested parties to opt for electronic notifications and aims to reduce the use of paper by allowing documentation to be submitted via electronic means (e.g., USB). It also provides the updated forms to be used for submitting applications to the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (*Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales*) ("SEMARNAT").

In this regard, the implications and scope of the Agreement are outlined below:

I. New application forms

Within 15 business days from the publication of the Agreement in the DOF, that is, as of May 9, 2025, interested parties must use the new forms for the following procedures:

- Authorization for the exploitation of timber forest resources on forest lands or preferably forest lands, modalities A, B, C and D.
- Application for certificates of registration in the National Forestry Registry (*Registro Forestal Nacional*).
- Notice of modification of registered data in the National Forestry Registry.
- Notice of withdrawal of the environmental impact authorization.
- Notice of no requirement of environmental impact authorization.
- Notice of change of ownership of the environmental impact authorization.
- Registration as hazardous waste generator.
- Remediation proposal modalities A and B.

The new SEMARNAT forms can be found at the following [link](#). Once the Agreement enters into force, they will also be available on the official website of [SEMARNAT](#) and in the [National Catalogue](#) of the National Commission for Regulatory Improvement (*Comisión Nacional de Mejora Regulatoria*).

II. Administrative simplification measures

In order to simplify the submission of procedures and reduce response times for the interested parties, SEMARNAT has established the use of electronic means in the following cases:

- a. Electronic notifications:** Applicants may manifest their consent to receive notifications via e-mail, in terms of the provisions of article 35, Section II of the Federal Law of Administrative Procedure (*Ley Federal de Procedimiento Administrativo*).

It is important to mention that, with regard to the procedures submitted prior to the publication of the Agreement, and that require the notifications to be made via e-mail, the interested parties may expressly request this from SEMARNAT.

- b. Use of electronic storage media (USB):** The Agreement indicates that, with regard to the procedures listed above, the documents evidencing the legal representative's authority, incorporation deeds, official IDs, documents proving ownership, possession, or use of the land subject to the request, plans, the forest management program, scheduled programs, the document evidencing the types of fuel to be incinerated, the hazardous industrial waste identification table, insurance, or guarantees may be submitted via USB.

The implementation of new forms and the possibility of conducting procedures electronically expedite their submission and reduce compliance costs, while also aligning with SEMARNAT's objectives of modernization and sustainability.

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