

Suspension of activities at the Ministry of Economy due to COVID-19 virus

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Today, August 12, 2021, the "Resolution by which the following activities of the Ministry of Economy are suspended, due to the increase of confirmed cases of personnel who have contracted the SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19)" was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation, through which the Ministry of Economy established the following:

1. The time periods of the procedures, proceedings and services filed before the General Directorate of Trade Facilitation and Foreign Trade are suspended, including the following: (i) those derived from the Manufacturing Industry Promotion, Maquiladora and Export Services Decree (for its acronym in Spanish "Decreto IMMEX"); (ii) those derived from the Sectorial Promotion Program Decree (for its acronym in Spanish "Decreto PROSEC"), and (iii) those derived from the import and export tax refund Decree (for its acronym in English "DRAWBACK").

It is important to mention that such suspension will also be applicable to the procedures that filed prior to the entry into force of such Resolution, having a validity period of 30 business days following the entry into force of the latter.

2. All the activities of the following administrative units are suspended: (i) Legal Support Unit, and (ii) General Directorate of Constitutional and Legal Proceedings and the Litigation Coordination in everything concerning the representation of the Ministry of Economy before any jurisdictional, administrative and labor authorities. Furthermore, the Official Reception Office of the Ministry of Economy will refrain from receiving any promotion or petition in the following administrative units:

- Ministry of Economy
- Legal Support Unit
- General Directorate of Constitutional and Legal Proceedings and the Litigation Coordination
- General Directorate of Mines

- General Directorate of Norms
- International Trade Practice Unit
- General Directorate of Trade Facilitation and Foreign Trade
- General Directorate of Commercial Regulations

It is important to mention that for the purposes of this section, the suspension will have a validity period of 15 working days following the entry into force of such Agreement.

The Resolution entered into force today. To review the complete official publication use the following link (available only in Spanish): https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5626390&fecha=12/08/2021.

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