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# COVID-19: Legal impact in Mexico, measures issued by various authorities (fourth part)

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Following the previous *client alert* published on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, below are the new measures issued by the Ministry of Communications and Transport for the mitigation and control of the SARS-CoV2 pandemic (COVID-19).

# **Ministry of Communications and Transport**

Resolution specifying the essential activities under the competence of the Ministry of Communication and Transport, within the framework of the health emergency generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus.<sup>1</sup>

Listed below are the essential activities corresponding to the competence of the Ministry of Communications and Transport ("**SCT**"):

- I. Regarding transportation
  - **a.** Air transport:
    - i) Safe Flight Certificates,
    - ii) Export and airworthiness certificates,
    - iii) Issuance of the Air Services Operator's Certificate (AOC), renewal or its amendments,
    - **iv)** Validation of the Air Services Operator Certificate (AOC), issued by a foreign aeronautical authority, its renewal or its amendments,
    - v) Workshop permits, as well as the validation of workshops abroad that provide services to Mexican-registered aircraft, and their amendments,
    - vi) Authorization for sudden maintenance or repair work, as well as work to be carried out abroad,
    - vii) Authorization of overflights,
    - viii) Rescue flight authorization,
    - ix) Authorization for humanitarian flights,
    - x) Airport services,
    - xi) Complementary services,
    - xii) Aid services to air navigation,
    - xiii) Assignment and cancellation of registration of public service aircraft, and
    - **xiv)** Approval of insurance policies.
  - **b.** Railway transport

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- The provision of the public rail freight and passenger transport service, as well as its auxiliary and support services;
- ii) The rehabilitation and maintenance of railways, and
- iii) Conservation and maintenance work on railway equipment.

## c. Federal motor transport

- i) Activities related to the chain of services for the transportation of people consisting of: (a) Federal passenger and motor transport services, (b) Maintenance services of the vehicle fleet, spare parts supply and related services, (c) Cleaning and disinfection services for vehicles of all kinds, passenger terminals, inns, mechanical service stations and sale of diesel and gasoline, (d) Operation of centers for loading and unloading of all kinds of goods, as well as shopkeepers, (e) Parcel and courier services, and (f) Tow trucks, salvage and vehicle storage services.
- ii) Passenger terminals and verification units, auxiliary to federal motor transport;
- iii) Supervision tasks in the main central passenger bus terminals of the country focused on the application of the sanitary measures issued, and
- **iv)** Provisional authorizations to circulate without metal plates so that units destined for federal motor transport can transit and provide services while the health emergency persists.

### **d.** Marine transport

- i) Granting of permits and authorizations to naval vessels or devices that provide services related to the transportation of passengers and cargo, as well as the production and distribution of gas, oil, gasoline or jet fuel:
  - Temporary permits for cabotage navigation to foreign vessels.
  - Permanent authorizations for foreign naval artifacts to operate in Mexican marine areas.
  - Permits for the provision of passenger transport services on waterways.
- **ii)** Processing and granting of authorizations to act as a general shipping agent or shipping agent,
- iii) Humanitarian bridges,
- **iv)** The essential port works to ensure the proper functioning of the ports, including the port projects of the private sector whose purpose is building strategic infrastructure for the port operation and the stimulation of economic activity.

### II. Regarding Communications:

- Actions to guarantee the continuity of telecommunication and broadcasting networks so that the population can access information media and telecommunications services;
- ii) Actions to safeguard the security of critical infrastructure;
- iii) Continuity of social coverage projects;
- iv) Dissemination of information to the population about the rational use of telecommunications and broadcasting technologies;
- v) Mail and courier services by the Mexican Postal Service:
- vi) Telecomm satellite services for social coverage;
- vii) Telecomm office services and resource dispersal services for Social Welfare programs;
- viii) Maintenance of the Federal Government's private network operation, and
- ix) Evaluation of technological development projects.

## **III.** Regarding Infrastructure:

- i) Preserving toll-free federal highways;
- ii) The Rural Roads and Feeders Conservation and Rehabilitation Program, and
- iii) The operation of the Toll Freeway Network, the toll-free ones, as well as the roads and bridges delivered to the governments of the federal entities and municipalities for their operation, maintenance, conservation and surveillance.

# IV. Regarding Port Operations:

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- i) Entry and exit of ships, loading and unloading of goods and passengers necessary for the continuity of the provision of supplies, as well as the minimum / basic port services required to care for ships and their crew, in compliance with established health protocols;
- ii) The provision of the pilotage service and those activities inherent to the operation of the ships in port that require their immediate attention by the Merchant Marine Services Offices, and
- The authorization of maneuvers to amend and anchor vessels in ports by the Merchant Marine Services Offices.

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