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Competition & Regulated Industries Update

Foreign Investment Law is Amended

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Today, November 19, 2026, the decree amending the Foreign Investment Law was published in the Federal Official Gazette (the "DOF"). It takes effect in its entirety on November 20, 2026.

The decree was published in the same terms as the bill approved by Congress and sent by the Chamber of Deputies to the Executive Branch on October 27, 2026.

As of November 20, 2026, foreign investors will require a favorable resolution from the National Foreign Investment Commission (the "Commission"), issued on national security grounds, to hold, directly or indirectly, more than 49% of the capital stock of a Mexican company whose assets exceed the threshold set by the Commission and that engages in activities involving strategic infrastructure, critical technologies and dual-use products, the supply of essential inputs, or access to sensitive information.

The asset threshold has not yet been set. The Commission must publish it in the DOF within 180 calendar days (by May 2027). The decree provides no rules governing the period before the threshold is published.

Transferring an equity interest without a favorable resolution or despite a denial, or failing to comply with mitigation measures, is punishable by a fine ranging from 5,000 to 200,000 times the daily value of the Unit of Measurement and Update (currently MXN 586,550.00 to MXN 23,462,000.00, or approximately USD 31,412.84 to USD 1,256,513.66). The Commission may also order a divestiture.

Matters filed before November 20, 2026, will be handled under the provisions in force when they were filed. The decree sets no deadline for amending the Regulations of the Foreign Investment Law.

For details of the amendment, see Galicia's previous update here.

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