

On April 6, 2020, the Mexican government published in the Official Gazette the "Technical Guidelines related to the activities described in subsections c) and e) of section II of Article One which establishes extraordinary actions related to the health emergency generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus, published on March 31, 2020" (hereinafter the "Agreement"), to establish the following clarifications regarding essential activities that are allowed to continue operating:

a) For companies whose suspension of activities may have irreversible effect on their operation

Activities whose suspension could have irreversible effects for the subsistence of the operation after the emergency, include steel, cement and glass production companies, as well as the technology services of information that guarantees the continuity of the computer systems of the public, private and social sectors.

Steel, cement and glass production companies shall maintain a minimum activity that avoids irreversible effects in their operation; for this, they must inform to the Ministry of the Economy through the email address: economia@economia.gob.mx, no longer than 24 hours after the publication of these Guidelines, of the total number of workers that is essential for this purpose, and shall comply with the health practices established in the Agreement.

Companies in those sectors that are currently under contracts with the Federal Government, will continue their activities that allow them to meet short-term commitments exclusively for the following projects: Dos Bocas, Tren Maya, Felipe Ángeles Airport and Inter-isthmus Corridor (*Corridor Transísmico*); also, existing contracts considered essential for Petróleos Mexicanos and the Federal Electricity Commission should continue.

b) For courier companies

With respect to courier services, these include operations done through electronic commerce platforms, as long as they comply with the health practices indicated in the Agreement.

In this regard, companies that using or migrating to electronic commerce platforms may continue to operate during the general suspension of activities.

c) For companies necessary for the conservation, maintenance and repair of critical infrastructure that ensures the production and distribution of essential services: electrical energy

Coal mines might maintain a minimum activity to satisfy the demand of the Federal Electricity Commission. To benefit from this section, they must inform to the Ministry of Economy through the email address: economia@economia.gob.mx, no later than 24 hours after the publication of these Guidelines, of the total number of workers they consider necessary for such purposes.

The coal distribution companies shall maintain their transport and logistics activities to satisfy the demand of the Federal Electricity Commission. To this end, they shall employ a minimum number of workers necessary for this purpose and must comply with the health practices indicated in the Agreement.

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