

Adjustment of the suspension period set forth in the Agreement of SEMARNAT dated on March 24, 2020

Mexico City, April 22, 2020

On March 24, 2020, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources ("SEMARNAT") published in the Federal Official Gazette ("DOF") the Resolution whereby the general public is notified about the days that will be considered as non-business days, for purposes of the administrative acts and administrative procedures being processed by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and its decentralized administrative bodies ("SEMARNAT Resolution").

SEMARNAT Resolution established that, due to the sanitary situation generated by SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19), for purposes of all of the administrative acts and procedures being carried out by the administrative units of SEMARNAT and its decentralized administrative bodies, the following days of 2020, will be considered as non-business days, without implying suspension of work:

- March 23 to 27, 30 and 31; and
- April 1 to 3, 6 to 10 and 13 to 17

In this regard and in order to help reduce the probability of exposure and transmission of SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) and protect the health of public servants, as well as the general population, it was deemed necessary to adjust the period of suspension of the SEMARNAT Resolution, in accordance with the Resolution declaring as a health emergency due to force majeure, the epidemic of disease generated by the SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) virus, published in the DOF, on March 30, 2020.

Reason why, on April 17, 2020, SEMARNAT published in the DOF, the Resolution whereby the general public is notified about the days that will be considered as non-business days, for purposes of the administrative acts and administrative procedures being processed by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and its decentralized administrative bodies, with exception of the procedures indicated ("New SEMARNAT Resolution").¹

Establishing as non-business days, for the same purposes indicated in the SEMARNAT Resolution, and without implying suspension of work, the following days of 2020:

- April 20 to 24 and 27 to 30

Accordingly, during those days, the terms and deadlines of all administrative procedures before SEMARNAT and its decentralized bodies will be suspended, which implies that the terms established by law, will not run for procedures, diligences, and actions in the procedures that are handled or should be handled before said authorities.

¹ The New SEMARNAT Resolution entered into force April 17, 2020, which was the day of its publication.

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If any action, requirement, request, or promotion is made before the administrative units, representative offices (formerly federal delegations), or decentralized bodies of SEMARNAT, on any of the days considered as non-business days, their legal effects will start until the first business day following the end of the suspension period.

In this sense, the following actions, diligences, and procedures are exempted from the New SEMARNAT Resolution, for purposes of the legal terms and deadlines:

- I. On forestry matters**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 21, 23, 28, and 30 of the current year, for the General Directorate of Forestry and Soil Management, as well as the Representative Offices, their respective Citizen Contact offices, as well as the one located at Av. Progreso number 3, Colonia del Carmen, Coyoacán Territorial Demarcation, Postal Code 04010, in Mexico City, only for the purposes of the following procedures:
 - a. SEMARNAT-03-020-A Request for forest remissions to accredit the legal origin of forestry raw materials. Mode A. For the first time.
 - b. SEMARNAT-03-020-B Request for forestry remissions to accredit the legal origin of forestry raw materials. Mode B. Subsequent procedure.
 - c. SEMARNAT-03-061-A Request for forestry resh shipments to accredit the legal origin of forestry raw materials. Mode A. For the first time.
 - d. SEMARNAT-03-061-B Request for forest resh shipments to accredit the legal origin of forestry raw materials. Mode B. Subsequent procedure.
 - e. SEMARNAT-03-033 Phytosanitary Importation Certificate/Sheet of phytosanitary requirements for the importation of forestry raw materials, products and sub-products.
 - f. SEMARNAT-03-046 Phytosanitary Certificate for Exportation or Re-Exportation.

- II. On matters of Chemical Substances and Hazardous Waste subject to international treaties**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 21, 23, 28 and 30 of the current year, for the General Directorate of Integral Management of Hazardous Materials and Activities, as well as their corresponding office in the Citizen Contact Office located at Av. Ejército Nacional number 223, Colonia Anáhuac, Miguel Hidalgo Territorial Demarcation, Postal Code 11320, in Mexico City (entrance by Lago Xochimilco), only for the purposes of the following procedures:
 - a. SEMARNAT-07-015 Authorization for the importation of pesticides, vegetable nutrients, and toxic or hazardous substances and materials.
 - b. SEMARNAT-07-016 Authorization for the exportation of hazardous materials.

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- c. SEMARNAT-07-021 Notice of imported materials of temporary regime and return of their hazardous waste.
- d. SEMARNAT-07-029 Authorization for Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes Provided for in International Treaties.

III. On matters of Air Emissions, the online system operated by the General Directorate of Air Quality Management and Registry of Emissions and Transfer of Pollutants will continue with the usual reception, in the terms indicated by the applicable legislation, regarding the following procedure:

- a. SEMARNAT-05-001 Annual Operation Certificate. For the purposes of this procedure, the following e-mails are enabled: sinatec@semarnat.gob.mx, coa@semarnat.gob.mx, rene@semarnat.gob.mx and sgpa.coa@semarnat.gob.mx to provide attention to any doubt, as well as any problem with the operation of the COAweb System, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on April 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29 and 30 of the current year.

On the other hand, the following procedures are exempted from the provisions of the New SEMARNAT Resolution:

I. On matters of Natural Protected Areas, the following activities and terms:

- a. The activities and deadlines foreseen in the *AGREEMENT establishing the Rules of Operation of the Conservation Program for Sustainable Development (PROCOCODES), fiscal year 2020*, published in the DOF on December 28, 2019, will not be suspended.
- b. The activities and deadlines foreseen in the *Guidelines for the Execution of the Program for the Protection and Restoration of Ecosystems and Species at Risk (PROREST), of the Components of Technical Studies for the Management of Natural Protected Areas and Community Conservation in Natural Protected Areas, Fiscal Year 2020*, published in the DOF on February 28, 2020, will not be suspended.

II. In connection with the procedures for acquisitions, leases and services and in the field of Public Works and Related Services:

- a. The activities and terms foreseen in the procedures of Acquisitions, Leases and Services, and in matters of Public Works and Related Services, as well as the formalization of the corresponding legal instruments, whose execution is of extreme urgency or is necessary for the continuity of operations for the fulfillment of the essential functions of SEMARNAT, as well as its Decentralized Administrative Bodies, will not be suspended, therefore, in this matter, the

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legal terms and deadlines will run normally, and will continue to operate as foreseen in the corresponding regulations.

Finally, in all of the abovementioned cases, the health and distance regulations must be rigorously observed, giving priority to the use of electronic means in communications between administrative units, or in their interactions with other public bodies, as well as in those corresponding to individuals, avoiding, as much as possible, the physical concentration, transit, or movement of people.

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