

# COVID-19 crisis inspires global tightening of Foreign Investment Screening

## Mexico

**Like other jurisdictions, Mexico has been very active in issuing administrative resolutions, decrees and recommendations to mitigate, contain and address the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As of April 21, 2020, no such resolutions, decrees and/or recommendations have been specifically directed towards Foreign Direct Investment; rather, the applicable resolutions make no distinction and are applicable to all private investment in general.**

So far there have been three key resolutions issued by the Mexican federal government (through the Ministry of Health) that all investors in Mexico shall be mindful of:

1. On March 24, 2020, the Mexican Ministry of Health issued a resolution outlining certain actions and recommendations aimed at mitigating and controlling the COVID-19 outbreak. These included (but were not limited to) urging private and public parties to immediately adopt social distancing measures (including the suspension of massive events and concentrations of more than 100 persons) and limit the outside activities of high-risk groups.
2. On March 31, 2020, a new relevant resolution was issued by the Mexican Ministry of Health. So far, this resolution is arguably the most relevant administrative action adopted by the Mexican federal government in connection with the worldwide pandemic, for it includes a list of “essential activities” and business that are allowed (and to a degree, encouraged) to continue amidst the sanitary emergency.

3. On April 6, 2020, the Mexican Ministry of Health issued a new resolution detailing a set of follow-up guidelines to further clarify the scope of “essential activities” included in the March 31 resolution.

Although no FDI restrictions have been imposed in the context of the ongoing pandemic, Mexico does have an extensive Foreign Investment Law in place, which provisions continue to be fully applicable.

Due to the very fluid status of the ongoing global pandemic and the regulation/administrative resolutions being issued in connection therewith by the Mexican federal government almost on a daily basis, our Mexico office has been very active in providing updates to our clients and friends. This series of articles ([available here](#)) also includes our summaries and thoughts on the actions adopted by the Mexican government.

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