

Update: Suspension of legal terms and time periods, as well as enabling of business days and hours for the Federal Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources

Today the Federal Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources ("SEMARNAT") published in the Official Federal Gazette the *"Ruling indicating the days that will be considered as non-business days for administrative acts and procedures filed before the Federal Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and its administrative-decentralized agencies, with exceptions for the indicated procedures and acts"* ("**Ruling**").

The Ruling provides that the suspension of legal terms and time periods for acts and proceedings filed before SEMARNAT will be extended through April 30, 2020.

Likewise, the Ruling establishes that during said period, days and hours are enabled to perform administrative acts, and it maintains the exemption from the suspension of terms and time periods as indicated in the *"Ruling that enables business days and hours for the indicated administrative entities, in order to perform administrative acts regarding the acts and procedures referred to"*. The administrative acts for which days and hours are enabled are as follows:

Matters	Business days and hours enabled/Exemptions
Forestry.	Days: 21, 23, 28 and 30 of April 2020. Hours: From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Chemical Substances and Hazardous Waste subject to international treaties.	Days: 21, 23, 28 and 30 of April 2020. Hours: From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Air Emissions.	The electronic system for regular submission remains available and the following emails are enabled: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sinatec@semarnat.gob.mx• coa@semarnat.gob.mx• rene@semarnat.gob.mx• sgpa.coa@semarnat.gob.mx
Protected Natural Areas.	The activities and deadlines set forth in the Sustainable Development Conservation Program ("PROCOCODES") and in the Protection and Restoration of Ecosystems and Species at Risk Program ("PROREST") will not be suspended.
Acquisition, leasing and services procedures.	The activities and deadlines for acquisitions, leasing and services procedures, as well as the execution of the corresponding legal acts, will not be suspended.

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