

Dear Clients and Friends:

Please be advised that this morning, May the 15th, the Mexican Federal Government published in the Official Gazette of the Federation, the Decree that amends yesterday's decree that establishes a strategy for the reopening of social, educational and economic activities, as well as a traffic light system by regions to weekly assess the epidemiological risk related to the reopening of activities in each State, as well as establishes extraordinary actions.

The following are the highlights of the amended decree:

- Stage 2 of the reopening strategy was amended. General application actions aimed at preparing for the reopening of activities in general must be carried out by industries and business that are recently declared as essential from May 18TH through May 31st of 2020.
- Those general application actions are the development of sanitary protocols for the safe restart of activities, training of safety personnel in the workplace, readjustment of spaces and production processes, as well as entry filters, sanitation and hygiene of the workplaces, among other determined by Federal Health authorities.
- Article Fourth of the respective decree was amended. It confirms that the activities of the construction industry, mining and those related to the manufacturing of the transportation equipment, will be considered essential activities and may start operations as of June 1, 2020, which such industries and businesses must observe the following:

**I.** The preparation period begins on May 18, 2020.

Newly declared essential industries must submit the sanitary security protocols in accordance with the general guidelines established by the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Labor and Social Provision.

**II.** The filing and approval of the protocols may take place at the same time that the preparation measures for the companies' start of operation are being carried out.

**III.** From May 18th through June 1st, 2020, the process of establishing the protocols and mechanisms of sanitary security in companies are to be carried out in the workplace, published by the Ministry of Health, in coordination with the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Labor and Social Provision as well as with the Mexican Institute of Social Security;

**IV.** If the corresponding regulations are not complied with by the companies or industries that put the health of their workers at risk may be shutdown/closed (clausurados).

- The decree further establishes that companies in the automotive and auto parts industry devoted to exportation, in addition to that stated in the above sections, such industry must apply the protocols required in their countries of origin.

Sincerely,

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