

HIGHLIGHTS IN RECENT LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES  
AND EXECUTIVE DECREES  
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The purpose of this document is to inform our clients briefly on those projects and draft bills discussed recently within the Mexican Congress and which we consider might be of their interest. The monitoring of the Congress activities by our firm covers the ordinary and extraordinary periods of both chambers as well as the sessions of the Permanent Commission, during the recess of the others. In our reports we indicate the source, the status of the draft bill in the legislative procedure and a summary of its most important contents. The information contained in this document is obtained by monitoring online the parliamentary gazettes of the House of the Representatives and the Senate. Thus, complete and official information should be consulted directly in the following links:

<http://gaceta.diputados.gob.mx/>

<http://www.senado.gob.mx/gaceta.php?principio=inicio>

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PROPOSALS ORIGINATED WITHIN  
THE LOWER HOUSE

November 10, 2007

DRAFT BILL

**PROJECT OF DECREE THAT AMENDS ARTICLE 1049  
OF THE CODE OF COMMERCE**

Originated by: Deputy Yadhira Yvette Tamayo Herrera, representative of the parliamentary group of the PAN.

Synopsis: In accordance with this proposal it order to initiate a legal procedure before the Electronic Trade Tribunal, the claimant would have to demonstrate its legal capacity in accordance with the provisions established for such effect within the Commerce Code.

**November 22, 2007**

DRAFT BILL

**PROJECT OF DECREE THAT AMENDS THE COMMERCE CODE  
IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE ORAL PROCEEDINGS  
FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Originated by: Deputies José Alejandro Aguilar López, Yadhira Yvette Tamayo Herrera, Enrique Irigorri Durán, José Martín Lópe Cisneros and Carlos Alberto García González, representatives of the parliamentary group of the PAN.

Synopsis: The aim of this amendment is to establish a complete framework for the settlement of disputes through oral proceedings regarding the ordinary trade lawsuit. The proposal adds a second chapter to the Commerce Code, the 47 articles that it incorporates widely explains the mechanisms for the oral proceedings.

**January 4, 2008**

DRAFT BILL

**PROJECT OF DECREE THAT ADDS A PARAGRAPH IV TO ARTICLE 14  
OF THE CUSTOMS LAW**

Originated by: Deputy Sara Latife Ruiz Chávez, representative of the parliamentary group of the PRI.

Synopsis: The concession made by the Taxes Service Administration to particulars for the management or custody of merchandises outside the authorized place; could be valid only for 30 days and exclusively in hotels when conventions, meetings or international festivities are carried out.

**January 23, 2008.**

DRAFT BILL

**PROJECT OF DECREE THAT ESTABLISHES THE LAW OF COMPETITIVE PRICES**

Originated by: Deputy Pablo Leopoldo Arreola Orteaga, representative of the parliamentary group of the PRD.

Synopsis: The aim of this proposal is to establish a subsidiary instrument for the provisions enshrined in article 28 of the Constitution. The proposal establishes 22 articles in order to regulate and prevent excessive prices in goods and services.

**PROPOSALS ORIGINATED WITHIN THE  
SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC**

**November 13, 2007**

DRAFT BILL

**PROJECT FO DECREE THAT AMMENDS ARTICLE 61 OF THE COPYRIGHT LAW**

Originated by: Senator Martha Leticia Rivera Cisneros.

Synopsis: The aim of this proposal is to establish the legal scope of the agreement for representation, regarding the rights and obligations of the parties as well as the possibility of minors concluding these contracts.

## DECREES AND AGREEMENTS PROMULGATED WITHIN THE OFFICIAL FEDERAL GAZETTE

**November 5, 2007**

Decree enacted by Felipe de Jesús Calderón Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States

Synopsis: The aim of the decree is to establish taxes incentives for the payment of the Income Tax Law, the Enterprise Tax of Unique Fee, and the Value-Added Tax. The decree establishes the hypothesis in which the incentives are applicable.

**December 5, 2007**

Agreement enacted by Eduardo Sojo Garza Aldape, Secretariat of Economy of the United Mexican States.

Synopsis: The aim of the agreement is to establish the rules governing the Mexican Enterprises Information System. The rules' purpose is to set up guidelines for integration and distribution of information, in order to promote the development of commercial activities, subject to the supervision of the Secretary of Economy, the Confederations and the Enterprises' Chambers.

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