

# SEMARNAT resumes deadlines and statutory terms

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## COVID-19. The Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources resumes the deadlines and statutory terms due to the COVID emergency

On August 24, 2020, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (“SEMARNAT”) published in the Federal Official Gazette the “Resolution whereby the legal deadlines and terms are resumed in the Ministry of Environment and its administrative agencies”. (the “Resolution”).

In order to avoid the concentration of people and to continue with the preventive measures derived from the coronavirus, the Resolution establishes the following days and schedules:

- **Wildlife and Federal zones.** Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 14:00 hrs. to carry out the procedures in charge of the Agency of Wildlife and the Agency of Federal Marine Terrestrial Zone and Coastal Environments.
- **Environmental impact, risk, hazardous wastes, air emissions, forestry and soil.** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 14:00 hrs. to carry out procedures in charge of de the Environmental Impact and Risk Agency, the Agency of Integrated Management of Materials and Hazardous Activities, the Agency of Air Quality Management and Pollutant Release and Transfer Register, as well as the Agency of Forest and Soil Management.
- **Inspection and surveillance.** Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 18:00 hrs. in relation to the procedures, acts of inspection, surveillance and verification, administrative procedures, in charge of the Federal Attorney's Office for Environmental Protection.
- **Natural protected areas.** On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 14:00 hrs. for the corresponding attention services in the Filling Office of the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas. In the

Regional Agencies of the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas, the attention schedule will be from 9:30 to 13:30 hrs.

- **Water.** Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 15:00 hrs. to give attention services corresponding to the procedures in charge of the National Water Commission.
- **Hydrocarbons.** On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 14:00 hrs. at the Service Area of the National Agency of Industrial Security and Environmental Protection of the Hydrocarbons Sector.

The Resolution entered into force on August 24, 2020 and will be valid until September 30, 2020. The Resolution overrides the other decrees published in the Federal Official Gazette by SEMARNAT on May 29, June 4, and July 2 of 2020.

For ease of reference, you may access the Resolution [here](#).

**For any additional information, do not hesitate to contact our expert team on environmental issues, who can be of assistance:**

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