



Fighting bid rigging in the petroleum sector in Mexico

PEMEX, one of the largest oil companies in the world with 150 000 employees and an annual budget in 2015 of about MXN 570 billion, is also the largest purchaser of goods and services in the Mexican public sector. Following reforms that opened the energy sector to competition while keeping the ownership of Mexico's hydrocarbons under state control, PEMEX is subject to new procurement rules that aim to make procurement processes more efficient and effective. This report analyses the new regime and procurement procedures of PEMEX and provides recommendations to promote competition and fight bid rigging in accordance with international best practices.

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Strengthening competitiveness through competition in Mexico

The economy as a whole benefits when markets are competitive, when buyers have the option to choose between different suppliers and when there is competition between suppliers. More competition in the markets translates into higher productivity and more economic growth. Identifying and then strengthening competition in markets that do not function well is imperative for higher productivity. Based on international best practices, this manual on Market Examinations in Mexico provides guidance on how to carry out an inquiry or examination into a particular market when there is a suspicion or indication that a market is not functioning well.

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The resolution of competition cases by specialised and generalist courts

While competition law vests competition authorities with direct powers to implement legislation, courts also play a central role in the review of decisions issued by authorities. Whether they are specialised or generalist, their correct functioning is crucial for ensuring an environment of certainty and predictability in market economies. This report provides an overview of international experiences and best practices regarding the role of courts in the implementation of competition policy. It describes the Mexican experience following reforms in 2013 which created different competition authorities and specialised courts.

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OECD & IBA join forces to develop guidance to help lawyers in fight against corruption

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Public Consultation: Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct

Deadline for comments 9 February 2017

The OECD is currently developing a general Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct to provide practical support to companies on the implementation of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Due Diligence Guidance contains plain language explanations of the due diligence recommendations and associated provisions in the OECD Guidelines and can be used by companies in any sector of the economy. Comments received will be taken into account when finalising the Guidance which is scheduled for completion in 2017.

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