
18. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mexico's main objectives

- Strengthening the Mexican telecommunications market, enabling operators to offer products and services with the highest quality in benefit of the population.
- Adapting to the evolution of the telecommunications sector, optimizing the infrastructure and free market conditions necessary to encourage its future development.

Benefits for Mexico

- New provisions that improve and strengthen public telecommunications services.
- Mexico reaffirms the benefits that derive from its Constitutional Reform and Telecommunications and Radio Broadcasting Federal Law.
- A greater number of operators will be attracted to the Mexican market and legal certainty will be offered to new operators entering the market.
- Creates the conditions for the access and use of public telecommunication networks, offering certainty to service providers and investors of the sector.
- Promotes competitiveness in the telecommunications sector of North America through regulations for effective competitiveness, benefiting users in terms of the quality and prices of telecommunications services.

Chapter's main provisions

- Includes new definitions such as: leased circuit, physical and virtual co-location, network element, enterprise, essential facilities, interconnection, license, non-discriminatory, reference interconnection offer, telecommunications regulatory body, cost-oriented, dialing parity, number portability, major supplier, mobile services, user, end-user, among others **(Article 18.1)**.
- Maintains access and use of network and public telecommunications services, value-added services and obligations of providers of public telecommunications services **(Article 18.2)**.
- Contemplates safeguards regarding consumer interests **(Article 18.14)**.
- Chapter is subject to dispute settlement mechanisms **(Article 18.23)**.
- Ensures transparency and other requirements a regulator must follow when requesting comments for a regulatory project **(Article 18.24)**.