## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS IN MEXICO: TERMINATION OF LEGITIMATION PERIOD

MAY 2023

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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Non-legitimized collective bargaining agreements will be terminated. This means unions will lose the administration of said agreements, as well as the right to collect union fees from the workers. However, the termination of the agreements will not indicate that the workers lose their rights, benefits, and/or obligations agreed therein, so the employers will have to respect said conditions.

Although the term to legitimize has expired, this does not extinguish the right of workers to enter into collective bargaining agreements. However, all future agreements must follow the process for entering into new collective bargaining agreements established in the Federal Labor Law.

Then again, the collective bargaining agreements that have been legitimized by the majority support of the employees expressed through their secret ballot will continue to be in force and will continue to have all their legal effects if they comply with the respective formalities for their periodic review.

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The Federal Center for Conciliation and Labor Registration, through its website, has established a list of the collective bargaining agreements in Mexico, which can be reviewed here: https://centrolaboral.gob.mx/ listado-cct-legitimados/.

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