

### **Taxation of Beverages**

All the countries where Coca-Cola FEMSA operates, except for Panama, impose value-added tax on the sale of sparkling beverages, with a rate of 16.0% in Mexico, 12.0% in Guatemala, 15.0% in Nicaragua, an average percentage of 15.9% in Costa Rica, 19.0% in Colombia, 21.0% in Argentina, 22.0% in Uruguay, and in Brazil 16.0% in the states of Parana and Rio de Janeiro, 17.0% in the states of Goias and Santa Catarina, 18.0% in the states of São Paulo and Minas Gerais, and 20.0% in the states of Mato Grosso do Sul and Rio Grande do Sul. The states of Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais and Parana also charge an additional 2.0% on sales as a contribution to a poverty eradication fund. In Brazil the value-added tax is grossed-up and added, along with federal sales tax, at the taxable basis. In addition, Coca-Cola FEMSA is responsible for charging and collecting the value-added tax from each of our retailers in Brazil, based on average retail prices for each state where we operate, defined primarily through a survey conducted by the government of each state, which in 2020 represented an average taxation of approximately 17.4% over net sales.

Several of the countries where Coca-Cola FEMSA operates impose excise or other taxes, as follows:

- Mexico imposes an excise tax of Ps. 1.3036 per liter on the production, sale and import of beverages with added sugar and HFCS as of January 1, 2021. This excise tax is applied only to the first sale and Coca-Cola FEMSA is responsible for charging and collecting it. This excise tax rate will be in effect until December 31, 2021, and will thereafter be subject to an annual increase based on the previous year's inflation rate. From January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 the excise tax was Ps.1.2616 per liter.
- Guatemala imposes an excise tax of 0.18 cents in local currency (Ps. 0.46 as of December 31, 2020) per liter of sparkling beverage.
- Costa Rica imposes a specific tax on non-alcoholic carbonated bottled beverages based on the combination of packaging and flavor, currently assessed at 19.494 colones (Ps. 0.63 as of December 31, 2020) per 250 ml, and an excise tax (which is a contribution to the National Institute of Rural Development (*Instituto Nacional de Desarrollo Rural*)) currently assessed at 6.796 colones (Ps.0.22 as of December 31, 2020) per 250 ml.
- Since January 1, 2020, Nicaragua imposes a 15.0% tax on beverages, except for water. From January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 the excise tax was 13.0%, from March 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 the excise tax was 11.0% and prior to March 1, 2019 the excise tax was 9.0%, and municipalities impose a 1.0% tax on our Nicaraguan gross income.
- Until November 17, 2019, Panama imposed an excise tax of 5.0% on carbonated beverages and on imported non-carbonated beverages and a 10.0% selective consumption tax on syrups, powders and concentrate used to produce sugary drinks. As of November 18, 2019, Panama replaced such excise tax with an excise tax of 7.0% on carbonated beverages with more than 7.5 grams of sugar or any caloric sweetener per 100 ml, and a 10.0% tax on syrups, powders and concentrate used to produce sugary drinks. Since January 1, 2020, Panama imposes an excise tax of 5.0% on non-carbonated beverages with more than 7.5 grams of sugar or any caloric sweetener per 100 ml, whether imported or produced locally. Beverages derived from dairy products, grains or cereals, nectars, fruit juices and vegetables with natural fruit concentrates are exempt from this tax.
- Argentina imposes an excise tax of 8.7% on sparkling beverages containing less than 5.0% lemon juice or less than 10.0% fruit juice, and an excise tax of 4.2% on sparkling water and flavored sparkling beverages with 10.0% or more fruit juice, although this excise tax is not applicable to some of Coca-Cola FEMSA's products.
- Brazil assesses an average production tax of 4.1% and an average sales tax of approximately 11.8% over net sales. Except for sales to wholesalers, these production and sales taxes apply only to the first sale and Coca-Cola FEMSA is responsible for charging and collecting these taxes from each of its retailers. For sales to wholesalers, they are entitled to recover the sales tax and charge this tax again upon the resale of Coca-Cola FEMSA's products to retailers.
- Colombia's municipalities impose a sales tax that varies between 0.35% and 1.2% of net sales.

- Uruguay imposes an excise tax of 19.0% on sparkling beverages, an excise tax of 12.0% on fruit juices and beverages containing less than 5.0% lemon juice or less than 10.0% fruit juice, and an excise tax of 8.0% on sparkling water and still water.

#### **Antitrust Legislation**

The Federal Antitrust Law (*Ley Federal de Competencia Económica*) regulates monopolistic and anti-competitive practices in Mexico and requires approval of certain mergers and acquisitions that exceed certain amounts or that may have anti-competition effects. The Federal Antitrust Law subjects the activities of certain Mexican companies, including us, to regulatory scrutiny. The Federal Antitrust Commission (*Comisión Federal de Competencia Económica*) (“COFECE”) is the Mexican antitrust authority, which has constitutional autonomy. COFECE has the ability to regulate essential facilities, order the divestment of assets and eliminate barriers to competition, set higher fines for violations of the Federal Antitrust Law, implement important changes to rules governing mergers and anti-competitive behavior and limit the availability of legal defenses against the application of the law.

We are subject to antitrust legislation in the countries where we operate. Certain relevant acquisitions or divestitures of businesses may be subject to the requirement to obtain certain authorizations from the relevant authorities.

#### **Price Controls**

Voluntary price restraints or statutory price controls have been imposed historically in several of the countries where Coca-Cola FEMSA operates. Coca-Cola FEMSA operates, except for those voluntary price restraints in Argentina, where authorities directly supervise certain of Coca-Cola FEMSA’s products sold through supermarkets as a measure to control inflation. Currently, there are no price controls on Coca-Cola FEMSA’s products in any of the territories where it has operations, except for Argentina. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Argentine government imposed statutory price restraints with respect to certain of Coca-Cola FEMSA’s products and expanded the list of products to which the voluntary price restraints applies apply.

#### **Environmental Regulations**

We have an Environmental Management System (“EMS”) that includes environmental policies and procedures that intend to identify, address and minimize environmental risks, as well as to implement appropriate strategies for the use of clean and renewable energy, efficient use of water and waste management throughout the value chain of all of our operations. We have programs that seek to reduce energy consumption and diversify our portfolio of clean and renewable energy sources in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to the fight against climate change. In addition, we establish short-, medium-, and long-term goals and indicators for the use, management and confinement of energy, air emissions, water discharges, solid waste and disposal of hazardous materials.

During 2020, 72.1% of Coca-Cola FEMSA’s total energy requirements were obtained from clean energy sources. Additionally, as part of its waste management strategies, in 2020, 29% of its PET resin packaging was comprised of recycled materials and Coca-Cola FEMSA recycled 98% of the total post-industrial waste generated.

In 2020, 62.2% of FEMSA Comercio’s total energy requirements in Mexico were obtained from renewable energy sources.

In all of the countries where we operate, we are subject to federal and state laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. In Mexico, the principal legislation is the Federal General Law for Ecological Equilibrium and Environmental Protection (*Ley General de Equilibrio Ecológico y Protección al Ambiente*, or the Mexican Environmental Law), and the General Law for the Prevention and Integral Management of Waste (*Ley General para la Prevención y Gestión Integral de los Residuos*) which are enforced by the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (*Secretaría del Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales*, or SEMARNAT). SEMARNAT can bring administrative and criminal proceedings against companies that violate environmental laws, and it also has the power to close non-complying facilities. Under the Mexican Environmental Law, rules have been promulgated concerning water, air and noise pollution and hazardous substances. In particular, Mexican environmental laws and regulations require that we file periodic reports with respect to hazardous wastes and set forth standards for waste water discharge that apply to Coca-Cola FEMSA’s operations. Coca-Cola FEMSA has implemented several programs designed to facilitate compliance with air, waste, noise and energy standards established by current Mexican federal and state environmental

laws, including a program that installs catalytic converters and liquid petroleum gas in delivery trucks for its operations in Mexico City. See “Item 4–Information on the Company–Coca-Cola FEMSA–Product Sales and Distribution.”

In 2015, the General Law of Climate Change (*Ley General de Cambio Climático*), its regulation and certain decrees related to such law became effective, imposing upon different industries (including the food and beverage industry) the obligation to report direct or indirect gas emissions exceeding 25,000 tons of carbon dioxide. Currently, we are not required to report these emissions, since our emissions do not exceed this threshold. We cannot assure you that we will not be required to comply with this reporting requirement in the future. Exceeding emission limits may require capital expenditures or modification to our facilities.

In June 2019, the government of the state of Oaxaca, Mexico amended the Law for the Prevention and Management of Solid Waste (*Ley para la Prevención y Gestión Integral de los Residuos Sólidos*) to prohibit the use, sale and distribution of single-use PET bottles for water and all other beverages in the state of Oaxaca. Coca-Cola FEMSA has filed a legal recourse against the amended law, which is pending resolution. If this legal recourse is unsuccessful, this amended law could have an adverse impact on our business and results of operations in Mexico.

In Coca-Cola FEMSA’s Mexican operations, Coca-Cola FEMSA established a partnership with TCCC and Alpla, its supplier of plastic bottles in Mexico, to create Industria Mexicana de Reciclaje (IMER), a PET recycling facility located in Toluca, Mexico. In 2020, this facility recycled 13,000 tons of PET resin. Coca-Cola FEMSA has also continued contributing funds to ECOCE, A.C., a nationwide collector of containers and packaging materials. In 2020, ECOCE collected 53.0% of the total PET resin waste in Mexico.

All of Coca-Cola FEMSA’s bottling plants located in Mexico have received a Certificate of Clean Industry (*Certificado de Industria Limpia*).

Coca-Cola FEMSA’s Central American operations are subject to several federal and state laws and regulations related to the protection of the environment and the disposal of hazardous and toxic materials, as well as water usage. In December 2019, the Costa Rican government enacted Law No. 9,786, which requires that companies that sell, distribute or produce plastic bottles made of single use plastics comply with at least one of the following obligations: (a) produce plastic bottles that contain a percentage of recycled resin (such percentage to be defined in a separate regulation not yet enacted), (b) implement a recycling or collection program of the plastic bottles sold by such company (such programs to be defined in a separate regulation not yet enacted), (c) participate in waste management programs appropriate to the relevant industry or product, (d) use or produce packaging or products that minimize the generation of solid waste, or (e) establish strategic partnerships with at least one municipality to improve its collection and waste management programs. Although this law is already enacted, Coca-Cola FEMSA is not required to comply with it until its regulations are enacted. In December 2020, the Panamanian government enacted Law No. 187 aiming towards progressively reducing and replacing single-use plastics with recycled or biodegradable materials. A separate regulation related to Law No. 187 is expected to be passed this year, and we cannot assure you that such regulation will not have an adverse impact on Coca-Cola FEMSA’s business and results of operations in Panama.

Coca-Cola FEMSA’s Colombian operations are subject to several Colombian federal and state laws and regulations related to the protection of the environment and the use of treated water and hazardous materials. These laws include the control of air emissions, noise emissions, use of treated water and strict limitations on the use of chlorofluorocarbons. In 2018, the Colombian government enacted Law 1407, which regulates the use and management of packaging waste in the form of paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and metal. The law imposes certain goals on producers for the use and recycling of such packaging waste (e.g. in 2021 the goal set forth by the law is the use and recycling of 10.0% of packaging waste) and imposes the obligation to report to the corresponding authorities their progress on such activities and their strategies to achieve the imposed targets. In December 2020, Coca-Cola FEMSA’s Colombian subsidiary filed its plan of environmental management of packaging waste.

Coca-Cola FEMSA’s Brazilian operations are subject to several federal, state and municipal laws and regulations related to the protection of the environment. Among the most relevant laws and regulations are those dealing with the emission of greenhouse gases, the disposal of wastewater and solid waste, and soil contamination, which impose penalties, such as fines, facility closures and criminal charges depending upon the level of non-compliance. Among other regulations, a municipal regulation of the City of São Paulo, implemented pursuant to Law 13.316/2002, requires us to collect 90.0% of PET resin bottles sold. Coca-Cola FEMSA is currently unable to collect the entire required volume of PET resin bottles we sell in the City of São Paulo and could be fined and be subject to other

sanctions, such as the suspension of operations in any of our bottling plants and/or distribution centers located in the City of São Paulo. In October 2010, the municipal authority of São Paulo levied a fine on our Brazilian operating subsidiary of 250,000 Brazilian reais (Ps.0.9 million as of December 31, 2020). Coca-Cola FEMSA has filed a legal recourse against the imposition of this fine, which is pending resolution.

In August 2010, Law No. 12.305/2010 was enacted, establishing the Brazilian National Solid Waste Policy to regulate the recycling and correct management of solid waste, which policy is regulated by Federal Decree No. 7.404/2010. The Brazilian National Solid Waste Policy is based on the principle of shared responsibility between the government, companies and consumers; it provides for the post-consumption return of products and requires public authorities to implement waste management programs. In order to comply with the Brazilian National Solid Waste Policy, in December 2012, an agreement proposal was created by almost 30 associations involved in the packaging sector, including ABIR in its capacity as representative for TCCC, Coca-Cola FEMSA's Brazilian subsidiary and other bottlers, and was provided to the Ministry of the Environment. The agreement proposed the creation of a "coalition" to implement systems for packaging waste reverse logistics. The proposal described strategies for sustainable development and the improvement of the management of solid waste to increase recycling rates and decrease incorrect disposal. Although the Ministry of Environment approved and signed this agreement in November 2015, in August 2016, public prosecutor's offices of the state of São Paulo and the state of Mato Grosso do Sul filed several class actions against the parties that signed the agreement, challenging the validity of certain terms of the agreement and the effectiveness of the mandatory measures to be taken by the companies of the packaging sector to comply with the Brazilian National Solid Waste Policy, and requiring the payment of certain dues in exchange for the state's provision of selective waste management services. At the end of 2020, an agreement was signed between the public prosecutor's office of the state of Mato Grosso do Sul and the associations involved in the packaging sector, including ABIR as representative of Coca-Cola FEMSA's Brazilian subsidiaries, aiming to resolve and conclude the class actions. In exchange, the companies located in Mato Grosso do Sul pledged to demonstrate their compliance with the Mato Grosso do Sul state's Decree No. 15.340/2019 that establishes the guidelines and targets to implement systems for packaging waste reverse logistics in Mato Grosso do Sul.

Coca-Cola FEMSA's Argentine operations are subject to federal and municipal laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. The most significant of these are regulations concerning waste management, which is regulated by federal Law 24.051 and Law 9111/78, and waste water discharge. Such regulations are enforced by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development (*Secretaría de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable*) and the Provincial Organization for Sustainable Development (*Organismo Provincial para el Desarrollo Sostenible*) for the province of Buenos Aires. Coca-Cola FEMSA's Alcorta bottling plant is in compliance with environmental standards and Coca-Cola FEMSA has been, and continues to be, certified for ISO 14001:2004 for the bottling plants and operative units in Buenos Aires.

In Uruguay, Coca-Cola FEMSA is subject to laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment, including regulations concerning waste management and waste water discharge and disposal of hazardous and toxic materials, among others. Coca-Cola FEMSA owns a water treatment plant to reuse water in certain processes. Coca-Cola FEMSA has established a program for recycling solid wastes and is currently certified for ISO 14001:2015 for its bottling plant in Montevideo.

Coca-Cola FEMSA has spent, and may be required to spend in the future, funds for compliance with and remediation under local environmental laws and regulations. Currently, Coca-Cola FEMSA does not believe that such costs will have a material adverse effect on its results or financial condition. However, since environmental laws and regulations and their enforcement are becoming increasingly stringent in Coca-Cola FEMSA's territories, and there is increased recognition by local authorities of the need for higher environmental standards in the countries where Coca-Cola FEMSA operates, changes in current regulations may result in an increase in costs, which may have an adverse effect on its future results or financial condition. We are not aware of any significant pending regulatory changes that would require a significant amount of additional remedial capital expenditures.

We do not believe that Coca-Cola FEMSA's business activities pose a material risk to the environment, and we believe that Coca-Cola FEMSA is in material compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

### **Water Supply**

Given that water is an essential resource to carry out all human activity, and given its key role in Coca-Cola FEMSA's business as a beverage bottler, comprehensive and efficient water management is of utmost importance. As a result, Coca-Cola FEMSA set a target to improve its overall water use ratio to 1.5 liters of water per liter of beverage produced by 2020. In addition, Coca-Cola FEMSA's goal is to further reduce its water consumption and to return to the environment and its communities the same amount of water used to produce its beverages. With respect to waste water treatment, all of Coca-Cola FEMSA's bottling plants have their own waste water treatment plants or have contracted related services to ensure the quality of the waste water discharge.

In Mexico, Coca-Cola FEMSA obtains water directly from wells pursuant to concessions obtained from the Mexican government for each bottling plant. Water use in Mexico is regulated primarily by the National Waters Law (*Ley de Aguas Nacionales*), as amended, and regulations issued thereunder, which created the National Water Commission (*Comisión Nacional del Agua*). The National Water Commission is in charge of overseeing the national system of water use. Under the National Waters Law, concessions for the use of a specific volume of ground or surface water generally run from five to fifty-year terms, depending on the supply of groundwater in each region as projected by the National Water Commission. Concessionaires may request concession terms be extended before the expiration of the same. The Mexican government may reduce the volume of ground or surface water granted for use by a concession by whatever volume of water that is not used by the concessionaire for two consecutive years, unless the concessionaire proves that the volume of water not used is because the concessionaire is saving water by an efficient use of it. Coca-Cola FEMSA's concessions may be terminated if, among other things, it uses more water than permitted or it fails to pay required concession-related fees and does not cure such situations in a timely manner. As part of its water management processes, Coca-Cola FEMSA periodically runs assessments to monitor the use and condition of its water sources.

In addition, the 1992 Water Law provides that plants located in Mexico must pay a fee either to the local governments for the discharge of residual waste water to drainage or to the federal government for the discharge of residual waste water into rivers, oceans or lakes. Pursuant to this law, certain local and federal authorities test the quality of the waste water discharge and charge plants an additional fee for measurements that exceed certain standards published by the National Water Commission. In the case of non-compliance with the law, penalties, including closures, may be imposed. All of Coca-Cola FEMSA's bottling plants located in Mexico meet these standards.

In Brazil, Coca-Cola FEMSA obtains water and mineral water from wells pursuant to concessions granted by the Brazilian government for each bottling plant. According to the Brazilian Constitution and the National Water Resources Policy, water is considered an asset of common use and can only be exploited for the national interest by Brazilians or companies formed under Brazilian law. Concessionaires and users can be held responsible for any damage to the environment. The exploitation and use of mineral water is regulated by the Code of Mining, Decree Law No. 227/67 (*Código de Mineração*), the Mineral Water Code, Decree Law No. 7841/1945 (*Código de Águas Minerais*), the National Water Resources Policy, Decree No. 24.643/1934 and Law No. 9433/97 and by regulations issued thereunder. The companies that exploit water are supervised by the National Mining Agency (*Agência Nacional de Mineração*, or "ANM") and the National Water Agency (*Agência Nacional de Águas*) in connection with federal health agencies, as well as state and municipal authorities. Coca-Cola FEMSA uses spring water in its bottling plants where it has obtained all the necessary permits.

In Colombia, in addition to natural spring water for *Manantial*, Coca-Cola FEMSA obtains water directly from wells and from utility companies. Coca-Cola FEMSA is required to have a specific concession to exploit water from natural sources. Water use in Colombia is regulated by Decree No. 1076 issued in 2015. In May 2019, the Colombian government enacted Law 1955 of 2019 (National Development Plan 2018-2022), which applies to certain of the plants in Coca-Cola FEMSA's Colombian operations and allows the discharge of industrial waste water into the drainage system without the need to obtain a specific permit until the end of 2022. Coca-Cola FEMSA expects that this Law will be extended for another five years at the end of 2022 through the next National Development Plan, however we cannot assure you that this Law will be extended or that any future laws and regulations adopted by the Colombian government in this regard will not have a material adverse effect on our business.

In Argentina, a state water company provides water to Coca-Cola FEMSA's Alcorta bottling plant on a limited basis; however, Coca-Cola FEMSA believes the authorized amount meets its requirements for this bottling plant. In Coca-Cola FEMSA's Monte Grande bottling plant in Argentina, Coca-Cola FEMSA pumps water from wells, in accordance with Law No. 25.688.

In Uruguay, Coca-Cola FEMSA acquires water from the local water system, which is managed by the Organism of Sanitary Works (*Obras Sanitarias del Estado*). Additionally, Coca-Cola FEMSA is required by the Uruguayan federal government to discharge all of its water excess to the sanitation system for recollection.

In Nicaragua, the use of water is regulated by the National Water Law (*Ley General de Aguas Nacionales*), and Coca-Cola FEMSA obtains water directly from wells. In November 2017, Coca-Cola FEMSA obtained a permit to increase its monthly amount of water used for production in Nicaragua and renewed Coca-Cola FEMSA's concession for the exploitation of wells for five more years, extending the expiration date to 2022. In Costa Rica, the use of water is regulated by the Water Law (*Ley de Aguas*). In both of these countries, Coca-Cola FEMSA exploits water from wells granted to Coca-Cola FEMSA through governmental concessions. In Guatemala, no license or permits are required to exploit water from the private wells in Coca-Cola FEMSA's own bottling plants. In Panama, Coca-Cola FEMSA acquires water from a state water company, and the use of water is regulated by the Panama Use of Water Regulation (*Reglamento de Uso de Aguas de Panama*).

#### **Energy Regulations**

In 2013, the Mexican government approved a decree containing amendments and additions to the Mexican Constitution in matters of energy (the "Mexican Energy Reform"). The Mexican Energy Reform opened the Mexican energy market to the participation of private parties including companies with foreign investment, allowing for FEMSA Comercio to participate directly in the retail of fuel products. Secondary legislation and regulation of the approved Mexican Energy Reform was implemented during 2016 and 2017. Prior 2017, fuel retail prices were established by the Mexican executive power by decree by end of 2017 retail prices were fully deregulated and freely determined by market conditions. As part of the secondary legislation in connection with the Mexican Energy Reform, the Security, Energy and Environment Agency (the *Agencia de Seguridad, Energia y Ambiente*, or "ASEA") was created as a decentralized administrative body of SEMARNAT. ASEA is responsible for regulating and supervising industrial and operational safety and environmental protection in the installations and activities of the hydrocarbons sector, which includes all our Fuel Division operations. Additionally, the CRE is the regulatory body responsible for the authorization of sale of fuel to the public at gas stations. We believe that the Fuel Division is in material compliance with the relevant ASEA and CRE regulations and administrative provisions.

Effective as of July 2020, the Mexican Energy Regulatory Commission (*Comisión Reguladora de Energía*) ("CRE") approved an increase to transmission fees payable by entities that generate energy from renewable sources or efficient cogeneration sources. While this increase applies directly to the energy producers of such projects, end-users, such as ourselves, may face increases in our fees for energy consumption from such energy producers. A number of legal recourses against such increase have been filed by the energy producers with whom we have entered into power purchase agreements. As a result, the competent courts suspended the effects of such increased transmission fees until the legal proceedings are definitively resolved. We cannot assure you that these legal measures will have the desired effect or that this increase will not have an adverse impact on our results of operations.

In October 2020, the CRE approved resolution RES/1094/2020, which establishes the rules for the amendment or assignment of generation and power supply permits. This resolution limits the incorporation of new consumption centers to self-supply schemes, which was previously done in order to receive electric power at competitive prices. We have filed a legal recourse against this resolution, which is pending resolution. If our legal recourse is unsuccessful, this resolution could have an adverse impact on our business and results of operations in Mexico.

In March 2021, the Mexican government approved changes to the Mexican Electricity Law to, among other things, modify the order in which the energy of the National Electric System (*Sistema Eléctrico Nacional*) is dispatched; condition the granting of permits to conform with the planning criteria of the National Electric System; and allow the authorities to revoke energy self-supply permits, such as those granted to certain companies that supply us with electricity. Such changes were challenged by different market participants and its effectiveness has been suspended by the courts until the legal proceedings are definitively resolved. We are currently evaluating the impact that these changes could have on our business and the actions that we may take with respect to such changes.

#### **Other Regulations**

In 2014, the Brazilian government enacted Law No. 12,997 (Law of Motorcycle Drivers), which requires employers to pay a premium of 30.0% of the base salary to all employees that are required to drive a motorcycle to

perform their job duties. This premium became enforceable in 2014, when the related rules and regulations were issued by the Ministry of Labor and Employment. Coca-Cola FEMSA believes that these rules and regulations (Decree No. 1.565/2014) were unduly issued because such Ministry did not comply with all the requirements of applicable law (Decree No. 1.127/2003). In 2014, Coca-Cola FEMSA's Brazilian subsidiary, in conjunction with other bottlers of the Coca-Cola system in Brazil and through the ABIR, filed a claim before the Federal Court to stay the effects of such decree. ABIR's associated companies, including Coca-Cola FEMSA's Brazilian subsidiary, were granted a preliminary injunction staying the effects of the decree and exempting Coca-Cola FEMSA from paying the premium. The Ministry of Labor and Employment filed an interlocutory appeal against the preliminary injunction in order to restore the effects of Decree No. 1.565/2014. This interlocutory appeal was denied. In 2016, a decision was rendered by the Federal Court declaring Decree No. 1.565/2014 to be null and void and requesting the Ministry of Labor and Employment to revise and reissue its regulations under Law No. 12,997. The Ministry of Labor and Employment, with the participation of all interested parties, is in the process of revising Decree No. 1.565/2014. Such revision has not concluded, therefore we cannot assure you that any changes made to Decree No. 1.565/2014 will not have an adverse effect on Coca-Cola FEMSA's business; however, Coca-Cola FEMSA is currently not responsible for paying such 30.0% premium.

In 2018, the Uruguayan government enacted Decree No. 272/018, which imposes an obligation to label certain food and beverage products that contain sodium, sugar, fats or saturated fats with health warnings. In September 2020, the Uruguayan government enacted a subsequent decree, Decree No. 246/020, changing the parameter to measure if any product is required to have health warnings, and the date to start complying was extended until February 1, 2021. Coca-Cola FEMSA is currently in compliance with this decree.

In 2018, the Brazilian government enacted Law No. 13,709/2018 (Personal Data Protection Law), which imposes control measures and other rights and obligations with respect to the processing of personal data by natural persons and legal entities, including by digital means. This law aims to create higher levels of certainty and transparency for data owners, containing obligations to display evidence of compliance and strict penalties for perpetrators who cause damage as a result of their violation of the law. Although this law is already enacted and in full force since September 2020, penalties and fines will be imposed starting in August 2021. Coca-Cola FEMSA is currently implementing procedures to be able to meet the law's requirements.

In March 2020, the Mexican government amended the existing Official Mexican Standard ("NOM-051"), which regulates the labeling of prepackaged food and non-alcoholic beverages ("Products"), to introduce a new labeling system for Products sold in Mexico. The amended regulation sets forth that Products' nutrition facts labels must include protein, sugar, added sugar, sodium, saturated fat and other fat contents per 100 grams or 100 milliliters. Nutrition facts labels must also include complementary nutritional information by means of octagonal seals, which shall apply to Products that exceed the NOM-051 parameters regarding recommended sugar, calorie, sodium, saturated fat and other fat contents, as well as warnings for any Products that contain caffeine or non-caloric sweeteners. In accordance with the amended NOM-051, Coca-Cola FEMSA's entire portfolio (except for water) was required to comply with the new labeling guidelines by October 1, 2020. We have filed a legal recourse against this regulation, which is pending resolution. If our legal recourse is unsuccessful, this regulation could have an increase in operating costs and expenses and an adverse impact on our business and results of operations in Mexico.

In August 2020, the government of the State of Tabasco, Mexico amended the Health Law of the State of Tabasco (*Ley de Salud del Estado de Tabasco*), Law of Education of the state of Tabasco (*Ley de Educación del Estado de Tabasco*) and Municipal Finance Law of the State of Tabasco (*Ley de Hacienda Municipal del Estado de Tabasco*) to prohibit: (i) the sale or supply to minors (except to parents or legal guardians of minors) certain products, including prepackaged and carbonated beverages with added sugar and (ii) the sale of (or installing vending machines to sell) prepackaged and carbonated beverages with added sugar, among other products, in public or private schools (elementary schools through high schools), public and private hospitals and health centers. In addition, the amended Municipal Finance Law imposes an increase of 25.0% to fees payable to advertise these products and prohibits the placement of advertisements at a certain distance from private and public schools, hospitals and health centers. We have filed a legal recourse against this amended law, which is pending resolution. If our legal recourse is unsuccessful, this amended law could have an adverse impact on our business and results of operations in Mexico.

In recent years, several governments in the countries in which we operate have enacted regulations addressing corporate policies for the prevention of money laundering and finance of terrorism, as well as cross-border anti-bribery programs. In compliance with such regulations, we have implemented internal policies including know-your-counterparty procedures, anti-money laundering and finance of terrorism clauses in agreements and reporting of