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## MEXICO CANNABIS UPDATE #11



### Extension for Passage of New Cannabis Law Granted

Just before the October 31, 2019 deadline set by the Mexican Supreme Court (SCJN) for the Senate to pass the new Law for Cannabis Regulation (*Ley de Regulación del Cannabis*), the Senate, through its presiding Chairman Sen. Monica Fernandez, asked the nation's highest court to grant an extension in order to allow for a more thorough review of the feedback received from different sets of legalization advocates. Sen. Ricardo Monreal, one of legalization's champions, commented to the media that the extension would also "allow for the (stakeholders') reactions to cool down...". The SCJN granted the extension mandating that legalization be in place by the end of the upcoming legislative period, which starts on February 1 and ends on April 30 of 2020. Per Mexican media and advocate organizations following the review of the latest draft bill, Senate committees have been receptive to input from external interest groups. Expectation is growing as to what extent such feedback will result in significant changes.

### Court Resolution protecting CBD Authorizations

On May 13, 2019 CBD Science, a ten-permit holder company filed an *amparo* proceeding (a constitutional challenge provided by Mexican law commonly used to defend the plaintiff's interest against acts of authorities) seeking court protection to ensure that previously obtained licenses remain in force and effect and not be revoked by the Mexican government. Said licenses were issued under the now-revoked Guidelines for the Sanitary Control of Cannabis and its Derivatives (*Lineamientos en Materia de Control Sanitario de la Cannabis y Derivados de la Misma*) originally published on October 30, 2018. Moreover, such Guidelines set the criteria and licensing requirements to be used for medical and scientific use of cannabis, as well as the commercialization, exportation and importation of cannabis products. To this filing, during the second half of November 2019 (exact date uncertain), the court issued a provisional ruling in favor of CBD Science granting protection against the permits' cancellation. Even though some media outlets reported this ruling as a definitive resolution, a final ruling is still expected soon.

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A promotional banner for MJBizCon. On the left, it says 'Marijuana Business MJBizCon DEC 11-13, 2019 | LAS VEGAS'. In the center, it reads 'PUT YOURSELF AT THE CENTER OF THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY'. On the right, there is a blue button with the text 'REGISTER NOW' in white.

Our partner, Luis Armendariz will be speaking at MJ Biz Conference at Las Vegas, Nevada on December 12, 2019 at 11:30 am. In a conference titled "[In Limbo: Legalization in Mexico](#)", Luis will give an insight of the current legal status of cannabis and its derivatives in Mexico. More

than 35,000 people from 70 countries are expected to attend the conference, where beyond than 8,000 people are executives and more than 1,200 are investors.

If you are attending and interested in having a deeper conversation please contact us to set up an appointment. We would love to seize this opportunity to chat in person with you.



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If you're interested in learning more about the Mexican legalization process and what you or your clients can start doing to enter the Mexican market, please contact us at [larmendariz@caamlegal.mx](mailto:larmendariz@caamlegal.mx).

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