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COLOMBIA OPENS INVESTIGATION IN THE BOVINE PRODUCTS MARKET DUE TO ALLEGED ANTITRUST BEHAVIOUR

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (SIC), in its role as National Competition Authority, opened an investigation against the companies: **PROSAN, SURTIPIEL, AGROSAN, CHARRY TRADING, FRIGOCENTRO** and **CERCALDAS** for allegedly having developed an anticompetitive system in the market for the production, distribution and commercialization of by-products derived from the slaughter of bovines and pigs in different cities of Colombia.

In addition, the Superintendence also opened an investigation against twelve (12) individuals related to the investigated companies. The foregoing, to determine if they would have collaborated, facilitated, authorized, executed or tolerated the investigated behaviors.

In the event that it is proven that there was an infraction of the rules of free economic competition, the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce may impose sanctions of up to 100,000 Minimum Monthly Legal Wages to each company and 2,000 Minimum Monthly Legal Wages to each individual.



COLOMBIAN SIC OPENED AN INVESTIGATION INSIDE THE INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR FOR ALLEGED BID RIGGING

The Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (SIC) of Colombia, as National Authority for Competition Protection, opened an investigation against one company (**AVINCO**) and three individuals for alleged infractions to the competition protection regime, due to evidence of misconduct in contractual selection processes carried out by the Colombian National Institute of Highways (**INVIAS**) and the National Tourism Fund (**FONTUR**).

AVINCO presented itself as an independent bidder in the contracting processes carried out by the aforementioned authorities, even though there is evidence that there were joint decisions with competing companies, such as **DVG**. This articulation included defining in which processes each company would present itself, managing the requirements to present the proposals, as well as defining the value of the proposals and, finally, jointly executing the contracts that were awarded to them.



THE SIC WAS RATIFIED IN THE BUREAU OF THE OECD COMPETITION COMMITTEE



- | The Superintendent of Industry and Commerce of Colombia, Andrés Barreto, has been elected for second time in the Bureau of the Competition Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (**OECD**) for the year 2022. A position that reflects the international leadership that has been reached by this Superintendence in recent years, especially with regard to the design and promotion of good practices in competition protection.