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GORCHES Y PEÑALOSA**BBVA INTENSIFIES ITS ATTEMPT TO ACQUIRE SABADELL WITH A HOSTILE TAKEOVER BID**[More information...](#)

In early May, BBVA submitted a hostile offer valued at 12,230 million euros to buy Sabadell bank. This offer arises after Sabadell's board of directors rejected an initial merger proposal from BBVA that seeks to create a financial entity with more than 100 million customers worldwide and assets exceeding one billion euros, which would consolidate BBVA, which has its primary market in Mexico, as the second largest bank in Spain after Santander. However, according to some experts, this implies significant competition risks and potential damage to both banks due to the lengthy process that a hostile offer represents.

THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY ISSUES NEW RULES ON FOREIGN TRADE MATTERS REGARDING IMPORTS OF STEEL PRODUCTS[More information...](#)

On April 15, 2024, an order was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation, issuing new foreign trade rules to reinforce the control of aluminum and steel imports. One of the most important modifications was the incorporation of the Mill and Quality Certificates as mandatory requirements for the Automatic Import Notice for steel products. These certificates will allow better monitoring of the origin of the products as they contain information on the country where the steel was melted and cast. On the other hand, the information and documentation requirements for submitting requests for automatic import notifications for these products were updated. In addition, a Register of Importers of Steel Products was implemented where importers may acquire automatic import notices valid for one year with the option of renewal.

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025, BANXICO WILL PROHIBIT TRANSACTIONS REFERENCED TO THE 28-DAY TIIE RATE[More information...](#)

Banco de México ("BANXICO") will prohibit financial institutions from carrying out transactions referenced to the 28-day Interbank Equilibrium Rate ("TIIE") effective as of January 1, 2025. This measure is being implemented to avoid market manipulation and follows up on previous regulations prohibiting transactions referenced to the 91-day and 181-day TIIE, respectively, which came into effect on January 1 earlier this year. United States switched from the LIBOR rate to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR), while Europe switched from EONIA to ESTR. The underlying reasons for these prohibitions were the cause for the creation of the TIIE funding rate, which is calculated upon liquid daily transactions, thus making it difficult to manipulate markets with transactions referenced to said rate.

THE SEPARATION OF CITIBANAMEX INTO BANAMEX AND CITI MÉXICO MOVES FORWARD[More information...](#)

Citibanamex began the process of separation into two banks: Citi Mexico and Banamex. This as result of the Initial Public Offering (IPO) announced last year by Citigroup to sell its consumer and business banking businesses in Mexico. The separation is expected to be completed in the second half of this year, and as a result of the separation, Citi will no longer provide retail banking services and will only focus on offering institutional banking services.

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