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Mexico: IFAI shows teeth with €1m fine on bank

The Mexican data protection authority, Instituto Federal de Acceso a la Información y Protección de Datos (IFAI) imposed - on 6 March 2013 - a fine on Banamex, the Mexican division of Citibank, of 16,155,000 MXN, approximately €1m or \$US 1.3m.

A data subject had sent a letter requesting Banamex to cease processing his/her personal data; however the company failed to comply. Following this, the Director General of Substantiation and Sanction (Director General de Sustanciación y Sanción) wrote a letter to Banamex following a complaint from the data subject; however the company did not comply within the 10 days accorded to them.

The IFAI further announced fines of approximately €130,000 (\$US 170,300) against Mexican bank Caja Popular Cristo Rey and approximately €76,300 (\$US 100,000) against fitness club Sport City. There is an opportunity for the companies to appeal the fines.

The increase in enforcement follows Mexico's acceptance as the second formal participant of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Cross Border Privacy Rules (APEC CBPR) System, [announced on 16 January 2013](#).

Additionally, DataGuidance has learnt from Cédric Laurant, Founder of Cédric Laurant Law Firm, that the Security Chapter of the Mexican data protection Law ("LFPDPPP") will enter into force on 21 June 2013 and will be the object of IFAI and ICC meetings in Mexico City on 21 and 25 June 2013 respectively. Regarding the Security Guidelines - IFAI's directives on how to interpret the Security Chapter of the LFPDPPP - the IFAI estimate a publication date of around the beginning of July. The law and its accompanying regulations [became fully enforceable on 22 December 2011](#), however an 18-month grace period was provided for the Security Guidelines.

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