

Press Release



SUPERINTENDENCIA
VALORES Y SEGUROS

SVS clarifies press information regarding investigation in process

With regards to information that appeared in the press today about an investigation being carried out by the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros (SVS), regarding a merger between D&S and Falabella, this Superintendencia believes it necessary to clarify the following points:

1. The information published about this event was not provided by this Superintendencia.
2. As an autonomous organism, the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros has had no type of contact with the Government or any other public or private entity regarding this or other cases in progress.
3. **The specific information regarding the investigations that are being carried out is information known exclusively by the members of the sanctions committee of the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros and of its Division of Investigations, an area in charge of gathering the respective background information.**
4. This Superintendencia will respect the deadlines established by Law in order to ensure the adequate defense of those persons who have had charges formulated against them, in order to guarantee their legitimate defense and the review of all available background information. This includes all deadline extensions granted by the SVS upon their timely request from the respective defense.

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