



ACAVE asks the Central Electoral Board to extend the exemption for the polling stations until the date of appointment as a member of the table

- **ACAVE considers that this decision constitutes a change of criterion of the JEC with respect to previous elections, in which, although the contracted trips were not expressly contemplated as a reason for exemption, in practice it was. They accepted allegations of this type, including those hired in the period between the electoral call and the appointment as a member of the table.**
- **ACAVE reiterates the recommendation to take out cancellation insurance that covers this case.**

Friday 9 June.- ACAVE, the main employer of the sector in Spain and representing the interests of Spanish travel agencies in ECTAA, European association of travel agencies and tour operators, considers it positive that the contracted trips are considered a reason to exempt themselves from participating in a polling station, but understands that the period related to the contracting of the trip has to be extended until the date on which the person receives the notification to be part of the table.

This temporary conditions are very important throughout the tourism sector and especially in the travel agency sector. And it is that in the current dates traditionally a large percentage of travel reservations are registered for the second half of July, and it is very likely that with this decision many delay their decision to hire their holidays until the date on which their designation for a table is confirmed or not. This will seriously harm people who have booked their trips in this period and also the activity of travel agencies at a key time of the season.

It should be recalled that, in previous electoral processes, although this assumption was not officially recognized as an official reason, in practice it was always accepted as long as it was demonstrated that the trips had been contracted prior to the date of notification.

It is also surprising that the JEC has opted for the criterion of accepting only trips contracted before the call for elections, since this does not apply to other reasons such as events or family commitments (weddings for example), in which it is only taken into account if the date coincides with the or not with elections.



ACAVE asks the JEC to reconsider this instruction and accept the allegations presented by all those travelers who prove to have contracted a trip prior to the reference date at the moment in which participation is effectively communicated to the polling stations to all those affected.

In this situation, ACAVE recalls its recommendation to take out **cancellation insurance that covers this case**. The travel agency will advise you properly on the insurance that best suits your needs.

About ACAVe

The **Corporate Association of Specialized Travel Agencies (ACAVE)** is the employers' association of statewide travel agencies based in Catalonia. It is the most representative association in Spain and includes 450 associates and around 1.000 points of sale throughout the country. Agencies of different types are part of the Association: holiday and corporate broadcasters, tour operators, coastal and city receptives, online agencies and cruise companies.

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