
Interamerican Transport (Toronto, Tel.# (416) 821-8700), an intermodal transport company, offers bookings on a scheduled express double-stack train service (40', 45' or 48' containers moving on *Union Pacific* trains) running from Toronto to Laredo in 9 days with preclearing at the Mexican border. Montreal shipments can connect into this service for a total transit time to Laredo of 10-11 days, while Vancouver shipments can only go by piggyback, taking 12-13 days regular service or 10 days express service.

Marine

On the marine side, there are no direct scheduled services for general merchandise between Canada and Mexico. In most instances, rail and road rates are competitive with marine rates although marine shipping is substantially slower. For some shipments however (e.g. bulk grains, oil, etc.), marine transport is highly suitable and for particularly large shipments of any kind, marine transport rates can be very competitive.

For general cargo entering Mexico by sea, exporters can expect a 4 to 5 day delay, in addition to transit times of 10-20 days, as goods are custom cleared and moved to an importer's warehouse. Most marine shipments are transferred to trucks at Mexican ports for shipment into the interior (see Map, page 47).

The following list details the general cargo carriers or shipping agents that will connect through to Mexican ports:

March Shipping, Tel.# (514) 842-8841, Fax (514) 288-737, Montreal.
Inducement sailings from Montreal to Tampico for cargo of several thousand MT.

Hoegh Lines, Tel.# (212) 246-0562, Jersey City, NJ.
Container and break bulk vessel sailings every 3 weeks from New York to Tampico. Transit time of 14 days.

Mexican Line (TMM), Tel.# (201) 750-1881, New York City.
Sailings every 10 days from Los Angeles to Mexican Pacific ports (including Guaymas, Manzanillo and Salina Cruz). 8 days transit time down to Manzanillo. 2-3 day trucking into Mexico City from coastal ports can be arranged. Container cargo can be unloaded at San Francisco, then go by rail or road to Los Angeles.

Arvida Shipping Ltd., Tel.# (514) 866-6521, Montreal.
Inducement sailings of 2000-5000 MT from Montreal to Coatzacoalcos, Progreso, Tampico or Vera Cruz. Roughly 21 days transit time. From Vancouver, *Arvida* offers inducement sailings with *Vancouver Anchor Shipping Lines* to Mexican Pacific ports.