

11,950 items in the Mexican Tariff Act. Mexico adopted the Harmonized System of Tariff Nomenclature on July 1, 1988.

Imports of oil and gas field equipment are subject to a 5% to 20% ad valorem duty assessed on the F.O.B. invoice value. In addition, a 0.8% customs processing fee is assessed on the invoice value. A 15% value added tax is then assessed on the cumulative value of invoice plus the above taxes.

There are no official metric requirements applicable to imports into Mexico. However, since the metric system of units is by law the official standard of weights and measures in Mexico, importers will usually require metric labeling for packaged goods, although the English system is also used. Dual labeling is acceptable. Imported products should be labeled in Spanish containing the following information: name of the product, trade name and address of the manufacturer, net contents, serial number of equipment, date of manufacture, electrical specifications, precautionary information on dangerous products, instructions for use, handling and/or product conservation and mandatory standards. Mexico adheres to the International System of Units (SI). Electrical standards are the same as in Canada. Electric power is 60 cycles with normal voltage being 110, 220 and 400. Three phase and single phase 230 volt current is also available. In addition to the technical standards adhered to in most industrialized countries, Mexico follows standards from ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers), ASTM (American Society for Testing of Materials) and SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers).

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