

# SHIPPING MEDICAL DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT INTO MEXICO

## COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

The country of origin of a good must be marked on the product and be clearly legible. It must be placed in a conspicuous location on the good so that it can be easily seen during normal handling.

Imports do not have to be marked with the country of origin under the following circumstances:

- the cost of marking would discourage the importation of the product;
- marking would materially impair the function of the good;
- marking would substantially detract from its appearance;
- the good is a crude substance; or
- the importer will substantially transform the good.

## LABELLING

Medical equipment and supplies must have a Spanish label. The label should include the following information and must be affixed to the product packaging prior to importation into Mexico:

- what the equipment is;
- where it is made and the address of the manufacturer;
- who the importer is (most often the agent or distributor, including the address);
- the *Secretaría de Salud (SS)*, Secretariat of Health, registration number; and
- indicate if the sterility of the product is guaranteed.

## CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

All goods should be sold net of Mexican duties, taxes and customs charges. Duties will generally range from 5 to 20 percent and be applied to the total commercial invoice value. In Mexico, there is the *Impuesto al Valor Agregado (IVA)*, Value-added Tax, of 10 percent. There is a Mexican customs user fee of 0.8 percent which applies to all imported goods. In some cases, there is an additional fee for shipments clearing customs at unscheduled hours.

