

(SEDESOL), which regulates matters related to the environment, issued an official norm, which has not yet been passed, regulating the minimum contents of recycled fibres in the manufacture of newsprint. According to this norm, as it is presently proposed, newsprint will require a 50% virgin fibre and 50% recycled fibre contents by 1995. Until then, during 1993, the relationship will be of a minimum recycled fibre contents of 30% and 70% of virgin fibres, and this mixture will be increased to 60% virgin - 40% recycled in 1994. Although the norm has not yet been passed and is still under discussion, it is expected to be passed in the near future.

The following two tables reflect apparent consumption in Mexico of secondary fibres, both in terms of value and volume.

**TABLE 3**  
**THE MEXICAN MARKET FOR SECONDARY FIBRES**  
**VALUE**  
( \$million U.S. dollars)

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992e	1995p
Production	190.9	194.7	227.3	218.9	236.8	276.5
+ Imports	148.4	177.4	155.9	146.5	161.0	210.9
- Exports	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>339.0</b>	<b>371.8</b>	<b>383.0</b>	<b>365.0</b>	<b>397.5</b>	<b>487.0</b>

e = estimated based on January-June data; p = projected

Source: Based on import and export data by Secretaría de Comercio y Fomento Industrial (SECOFI) and the Statistical Memoir of the National Chamber for the Pulp and Paper Industries

**TABLE 4**  
**TOTAL APPARENT CONSUMPTION OF SECONDARY FIBRES**  
**VOLUME**  
(000 tons)

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992e
Production	980.8	1,046.5	1,273.1	1,242.0	1,314.0
+ Imports	787.1	919.3	874.7	935.5	1,057.0
- Exports	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,767.9</b>	<b>1,965.8</b>	<b>2,147.8</b>	<b>2,176.5</b>	<b>2,371.0</b>

Source: Memoria Estadística 1992 - CNICP

As both these tables show, total apparent consumption of secondary fibres has not followed the downward trend experienced by the market for pulp. Quite the opposite, it has shown an upward trend. In terms of volume (Table 4), apparent consumption grew by 11.2% in