

20% since December, 1988. The official import price system has been totally eliminated and import permits are required on only 325 of the total 11,950 items in the Mexican Tariff Act. Mexico adopted the Harmonized System of Tariff Nomenclature on July 1, 1988.

Imports of food processing and packaging equipment are subject to a 10% 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 10% 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 is by law the official standard of weights and measures in Mexico, importers will usually require metric labeling (at least in the small stick-on back label) for packaged goods, although the Imperial system is also used. Dual labeling is acceptable. 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.

Prepared by:
Caroline Verut
for the Canadian Embassy
Mexico City
March 1992