

## PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTION, 1994

millions of Mexican pesos

For specialties	4,534
Anti-infectives	2,399
Bactericides	1,629
Digestive system	1,273
Central nervous system	1,005
Respiratory system	910
Cardiovascular system	591
Veterinary	571
Locomotion system	504
Dermatological products	384
Non-therapeutic	263
Bacteriostatics	209
Antiparasitics	176
Blood and hematopoic organs	148
Genitourinary organs	102
Salts	75
Not specified	1,633
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,406</b>

Source: Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática (INEGI), National Institute for Statistics, Geography and Informatics, 1995.

mainly foreign-developed drugs produced for the domestic market, even though Mexico has developed important export markets elsewhere in Latin America. Some observers believe that the recent improvement in patent protection for pharmaceuticals will lead to more locally developed drugs.

The industry has grown rapidly over the past few years, partly on the strength of deregulated prices. Higher prices more than offset higher materials costs following the peso devaluation beginning in December 1994. In addition, the demand for pharmaceutical products is not very sensitive to price changes and the industry is, therefore, not particularly vulnerable to the state of the overall economy. As a result of these forces, pharmaceutical output rose by an estimated

## IMPORTS OF PHARMOCHEMICAL PRODUCTS\*

US dollars

	World		Canada	
	1994	1995	1994	1995
Artificial mixtures of natural hormones without antibiotics	6,170,399	6,921,566	828,168	1,089,103
Penicillin or derivatives, or streptomycin or derivatives	7,766	187,448	0	22,600
Disinfectants for mouth, ears, nose or throat	13,774	8,612	0	0
Medicines consisting of two or more antibiotics	161,591	43,761	3,058	0
Other medicines containing antibiotics	3,531,722	3,720,902	0	0
Injectable solutions containing insulin	620	1,228	0	0
Medicines containing other antibiotics	7,852	2,712	0	0
Anesthetics	761	0	0	0
Preparations containing vincristine sulphate	0	0	0	0
Other preparations containing alkaloids or derivatives	489,994	197,141	0	0
Preparations containing sodium lime	1,234	890	0	0
Isotonic solutions, glucose serum	0	49,616	0	0
Hydrolyzed proteins	749,504	2,125,398	0	0
Medicines containing vitamins with minerals, in gel capsules	146,225	7,907	0	0
Antineuritics associated with vitamins B1 and B12, injectable	0	146	0	0
Preparations of polypeptide inhibitor of kallikrein	0	2,616	0	0
Colloidal solution containing sodium, potassium and calcium chlorides	7,372	2,425	0	0
Homeopathic medicines	99,944	137,300	0	0
Sorbitol and aluminum, sodium or magnesium hydroxide complex	60,463	26,831	0	0
Mixture of adonis, convallaria, oleander and scilla glucide	29,827	45,508	0	0
Only of chlostridiumpeptidase	29	0	0	0
Iodine-polyvinyl-pirrolidone powdered	818,928	964,004	0	0
Other medicines not in dosage form	17,357,324	17,112,362	13	76,012
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,655,329</b>	<b>31,558,373</b>	<b>831,239</b>	<b>1,187,715</b>

\*Note: not in dosage forms for retail.

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