



PROCUREMENT

Since all institutions in charge of urban and intercity rail systems are government institutions, they are obliged to follow Mexico's laws regarding bidding processes. For the most part, these bids are international. A separate handbook is available describing the bidding process for government secretariats and *paraestatales*, state-owned companies.



PRODUCT STANDARDS

Mexico has a system of official standards called *Normas Oficiales Mexicanas (NOMs)*. For motor vehicles they are comparable to Canadian motor vehicle safety standards (CMVSS). The relevant *NOMs* are the following:

- NOM-EM-012-SCT-1-1994
- NOM-014-SCT-2-1993

Vehicle and driver safety standards are likely to become tougher within the next two-to-three years. This will result in greater emphasis on safety features in new vehicle designs, as well as vehicle maintenance standards and driver training.

Mexican railway standards are identical to those of the American Association of Railroads (AAR) and thus are the same as those in Canada and the United States.