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- Mexican transportation regulations stipulate that the transport, brokerage, insurance and managing of freight within Mexico must be performed by a Mexican company.
  - A 10% V.A.T. (value-added tax) on total freight charges within Mexico must be paid to Mexican authorities.
  - In the past, significant delays were experienced in obtaining Mexican import licenses. However, under recent trade liberalization legislation, just under 200 items require import permits (compared to 11,950 items previously). In addition, the former Mexican official import price system has been eliminated. While delays can occur, they are becoming less frequent.
  - Despite customs inspection delays by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and United States Department of Agriculture officials, transit times are better moving north from Mexico than south into that country.
  - Mexican transport regulations were dramatically liberalized in January 1990 leading to increased competition and improved transport services inside Mexico. The details of these changes are discussed in the transport mode sections of this guide.
  - NAFTA provisions on transportation services should herald an enhancement of quality, timely services to the burgeoning Mexican market.