

Imports fell significantly in 1994, compared with the previous year. The drop was largely attributed to a decline in imports of boilers, which fell by more than US \$100 million. Canada's sales of boilers virtually disappeared. There was also a sharp reduction in parts imports. It is not clear whether this resulted from import replacement or a change in the maintenance practices of the *Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE)*, Federal Electricity Commission. Some observers believe that the *CFE* capital expenditures were cut back in anticipation of major private sector projects that were due to be commissioned. There are no estimates of overall market size available for 1994.

ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT

Mexican Imports From Canada

US \$ '000s

Product	1992	1993	1994
Conduits and ducts	0.0	0.0	8.6
Electrical wire and cable	4.6	22.2	7.7
Boilers and parts	4,075.2	7,535.2	323.5
Turbines	27.0	9.5	397.6
Generators	499.9	243.7	417.2
Transformers	2,621.1	944.7	1,117.3
Circuit breakers, relays, terminals	347.2	544.2	833.4
Switches	669.7	1,626.0	579.3
Miscellaneous parts	1,348.3	1,044.0	469.6
Insulators	28.7	125.0	492.5
Total	9,621.7	12,094.5	4,646.7
Annual rate of change		25.8%	-61.6%

Sources: Government of Mexico import data and Statistics Canada World Trade Database.