

million, reflecting an average annual growth rate of 37% during that three year period. During 1991, they are estimated to have increased another 10% and imports are expected to grow at an average eight percent per year between 1991 and 1994. The import share of the market is expected to increase from the present 78% to 81% in 1992.

The following table shows imports of food processing and packaging equipment between 1988 and 1990.

TABLE 2
MEXICAN IMPORTS OF FOOD PROCESSING AND PACKAGING EQUIPMENT
(\$000 dollars)

	1988	1989	1990
FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT & PARTS			
Cooking & heating process eq.	29,533	38,811	46,234
Scales	3,831	6,551	9,647
Cleaning, sorting & grading eq.	990	491	1,271
Milk & dairy eq.	7,622	6,457	9,092
Beverage making eq.	560	671	405
Brewery eq.	122	830	3,148
Flour, seed & grain mill eq.	3,875	6,674	7,544
Bakery eq.	5,516	11,935	27,542
Bakery ovens	5,629	6,213	8,362
Chocolate & confectionery eq.	2,757	5,640	5,171
Sugar manufacture eq.	296	2,079	826
Fruits, nuts & vegetable proc. eq.	938	1,744	5,601
Fats & oil manufacturing eq.	1,262	4,092	3,450
Meat & poultry processing eq.	6,430	10,624	11,829
Fish processing eq.	449	95	63
Mixing, stirring, homogenizing eq.	11,258	8,269	11,304
Other food processing equipment	7,098	3,852	2,749
Other parts	2,520	5,028	5,313
TOTAL FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	90,686	120,056	159,551
FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT			
For cleaning & drying containers	762	2,419	6,674
For filling, closing, sealing, capsuling & labelling	22,474	32,026	59,265
For packing & wrapping	11,699	13,558	25,338
Parts for packaging equipment	10,333	14,559	16,488
TOTAL FOOD PACKAGING EQ.	45,268	62,562	107,765
GRAND TOTAL	135,954	182,618	267,316

Source: Import data published by SECOFI

The growth of imports is expected to be faster in the case of food processing than of packaging equipment, largely because Mexican manufacturers have been more successful in producing the