

## REMISSION OF FUNDS

As a part of Mexico's efforts to increase foreign investment there has been an easing of restrictions on the repatriation of funds by foreign investors. The important facts for Canadian investors are:

- the free market rate is used for all foreign transactions;
- transfer of profits and dividends is unrestricted provided the investor meets profit-sharing and tax obligations;
- transfer of interest and repayment of principal are unrestricted;
- transfers of royalties and fees are unrestricted;
- repatriation of capital is not explicitly prohibited; and
- repayment of principal is unrestricted for new loans.

## WORK PERMITS FOR CANADIANS

The NAFTA has enhanced the ability of Canadian-based companies to provide after-sales service to their clients in Mexico. Installers, repair and maintenance personnel performing work pursuant to a warranty or other contract, which is part of the sales agreement with the client, are eligible for temporary entry.

Mexican immigration authorities have issued a new migratory form for North American business persons going to Mexico for less than 30 days. This form is referred to as the *Forma Migratoria de Negocios (FMN)*, Business Visitors Form. It is designed for people travelling to Mexico for business discussions, conferences, trade fairs, commercial purposes or professional services. The *FMN* is free of charge and can be obtained at Mexican consular offices in Canada, as well as points of immigration at all points of entry into the country.

*Forma Migratoria 3 (FM3)* is required for temporary stays of up to a year and a *FM2* is required for longer stays or immigration. The Mexican Embassy in Ottawa or Consulates in Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver will receive applications for a *FM3*. Applications for a *FM2* must be submitted in Mexico, by the individual's employer, directly to the *Secretaría de Gobernación (SG)*, the Secretariat of the Interior.

