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Guide to Service Providers in Mexico

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> **Report Highlights:** This report provides contact information for service providers to US exporters who need assistance in Mexico. Mexico remains on excellent market for US exporters and investors. US agricultural exports to Mexico topped \$7 billion in 2001.

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DISCLAIMER

This report is for informational purposes only in order to assist potential and current exporters of food and agricultural products to Mexico. Every effort has been made to provide an accurate list of contact information, but telephone and fax numbers change frequently in Mexico. In addition, there may be other qualified firms in Mexico and the United States, and their exclusion was unintentional. Neither the US Agricultural Trade Offices (ATOs) or the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) endorse any firm contained herein. US exporters should take normal commercial precautions when dealing with any potential service provider or importer, including checking references.

INTRODUCTION

The objective of this report is to provide contact information for service providers to US exporters who could need assistance in Mexico. The implementation of NAFTA, eliminating the vast majority of tariffs for the export of US foods into Mexico, give US products an advantage in the Mexican market. Mexico remains an excellent market for United States exporters and investors. Total US agricultural exports to Mexico in 2001 were valued at \$7.4 billion.

I. THE AGRICULTURAL TRADE OFFICES (ATOs)

The US Agricultural Trade Offices (ATOs) in Mexico provide assistance to US exporters in a variety of ways including scheduling appointments for visitors and trade teams, participating in trade shows, and organizing seminars and other activities to bring together US exporters and Mexican importers. The ATO staff provides guidance and advice on market development plans of US business groups and trade associations, and offers suggestions on strategies and tactics for promotional events and market development of their agricultural, fishery and forestry products. The ATOs also provide background information on many aspects of the Mexican market and complete studies on certain sectors and products of broad interest to the US export community.

Address: US Agricultural Trade Office, Mexico City Jaime Balmes 8-201; Col. Los Morales Polanco México 11510 México Tel: (011)(52-55)5280-5291, (011)(52-55)5280-5277, (011)(52-55)5281-6586 Fax: (011)(52-55)5281-6093 E-mail: atomexico@fas.usda.gov Contact: Bruce Zanin, Director

US Agricultural Trade Office, Monterrey

Address: Oficinas en el Parque Torrell Blvd. Diaz Ordaz No. 140, Piso 7 Col. Santa Maria, 64650 Monterrey, Nuevo Leon Tel: (011)(52-58)18333-5289 Fax: (011)(52-58)18333-1248 E-mail: atomexico@fas.usda.gov Contact: Jeanne F. Bailey, Director

MARKET REPORTS

The ATOs issue a variety of reports that can assist you with information on the market potential for your product and on exporting procedures. All of our reports can be accessed via the internet. To access a report on the internet, go to the following site: http://www.fas.usda.gov/scriptsw/attacherep/default.asp

Here you are presented three options for accessing our reports. Select OPTION 3 for locating reports and type in the report number in this form: MX####. Report numbers for selected studies are listed below. Once you enter the report number, you will be given the option of downloading the report or opening it in Adobe Acrobat and printing a hard copy.

Select reports are listed below. For other topics you can access the same website, and use the search engine. Most reports are periodically updated and the report number will change, use the search engine to locate the most recent versions, or contact the ATO Mexico City office.

Report Topics	Report Number
Regulations for Exporting/Border Crossing	MX1205
Labeling Regulations	MX1223
General Exporter Guide	MX1171
Retail Sector in Mexico	MX1080
Hotel and Restaurant Sector in Mexico	MX1177
The Mexican Caribbean Market	MX1216
Processed Foods Market	MX1221
Wine Market	MX1210
Alcoholic Beverages Market	MX2025

II. ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICES (APHIS)

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of USDA is responsible for inspecting and certifying that other countries' agricultural products meet the phytosanitary requirements for exporting to the United States. For more details, especially on animal products and produce, contact the APHIS office in Mexico City.

APHIS Address and Contact Information:

Sierra Nevada 115 Lomas de Chapultepec 11000 **Tel.**: (011)(52-55)1997-1500 or (011)(52-55)5080-2000, extensions 4116/4153/4367 **Fax**: (011)(52-55)1997-1540 **E-mail**: elba.quintero@aphis.usda.gov **Homepage**: http://www.aphis.usda.gov **Contact**: Elba Quintero

III. FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICE A. GOLD KEY

The Commercial Service provides a wide variety of trade services including: trade counseling, trade contact services, product and service promotion, essential market research, customized market research, trade leads, advocacy on behalf of U.S. business interests, trade finance information and support, promotion and management of trade shows, organization of international trade missions, credit checks on potential overseas business partners and certification of established trade events.

FCS' Gold Key Service is designed to help US companies find agents, distributors, representatives, or franchisees. Assistance may be available outside of these areas at higher cost. FCS can only offer service for products/services that contain at least 51 percent US content, by value.

GOLD KEY SERVICE DETAILS

Fee: \$600 per day of pre-screened appointments with potential agents/distributors, at their location of business. The fee for appointments with potential franchisees and investment partners is \$800. Costs increase when services are required within a short time frame (less than four weeks).

Number of appointments: Generally four to five per day, depending on distance between appointments and expected traffic conditions.

In order to begin work on your Gold Key Service, FCS needs to receive the following things, preferably at least six weeks prior to the date of the Gold Key appointments, but no less than four weeks. Franchise and investment proposals typically require six to eight weeks lead time.

a) Payment -- Visa, Mastercard, AMEX, or company check made out to the U.S. Department of Commerce. FCS cannot start work until payment is received.

b) Gold Key Questionnaire -- this can be accessed on the internet at the following site: www.usatrade.gov Go to "Contact us" and then to the international office Mexico.

c) Brochures and Price Lists -- 15 sets of product literature including export price lists. If you do not have an export price list, substitute your domestic price list. It is also helpful to know your company web site address.

d) Signed Participation Agreement -- FCS will provide this to you for your signature.

Brochures must be sent via courier service (e.g. Fedex, DHL) to the relevant Mexican street address

on the attached Gold Key Service Questionnaire form. Do not use the U.S. PO Box addresses as this may result in delays and lost shipments. Be sure to claim "no commercial value" to avoid delays with Mexican customs. Customs duties or fees, if any, must be paid by the Gold Key client.

The Gold Key fee includes 8 hours of assistance from an interpreter/escort. Additional hours must be paid by the client directly to the interpreter at a rate of 200 Mexican pesos, per hour. Local transportation is paid by the client and is not included in the fee. Usually, FCS will arrange in advance for a taxi to provide local transportation. The cost paid to the taxi is approximately US\$18 per hour.

For more information on the service, including answers to frequently asked questions, please go to the following site:

www.usatrade.gov Go to "Contact us" and then to the international office Mexico.

B. INTERNATIONAL COMPANY PROFILES

When exporting to new customers abroad, background checks on potential clients will reduce risks and allow your company to enter new business relationships with confidence.

Commercial specialists in US Embassies and consulates abroad will conduct an investigation for you and deliver the results in 30 to 45 days, at a very reasonable cost. Reports include up-to-date information on your potential clients, such as:

- bank and trade references
- principals, key officers and managers
- product lines
- number of employees
- financial data
- sales volume
- reputation
- market outlook

An international company profile may also include information on:

- subsidiary/parent relationships
- recent news items about the firm
- the firms' US customers
- operational problems
- activities of prominent owners
- branch locations

The commercial specialists abroad who conduct your research will also give you their recommendation on whether you should enter a business relationship with the subject firm, and, if so, on what basis. Your request is held in strict confidence; the subject firm does not know who ordered the report. For more information on international company profiles, contact the US Department of Commerce.

Other companies in Mexico that can prepare International Company Profiles are:

VERITAS, S.A. DE C.V.

Eva Deyanira Insurgentes Sur 1787 Col. Guadalupe Inn 01020 México, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5089-2626, (011)(52-55)5089-2606 Fax. (011)(52-55)5089-2600, (011)(52-55)5089-2603

NEXOMEXICO

Anita Cintron Monte Pelvoux 111, 40. Piso Lomas de Chapultepec 11000 México, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5202-1848 Fax. (011)(52-55)5202-6481

Contact information for the US COMMERCIAL SERVICE – MEXICO

Mexico City Tel. (011)(52-55)5140-2600 Fax. (011)(52-55)566-1115 Mexico Address: U.S. Trade Center Liverpool No. 31, Col. Juárez 06600 México, D.F. Contact: David Ponsar

Monterrey (also covers Ciudad Juarez) Tel. (011)(52-81)8-343-4450 Fax. (011)(52-81)8-343-4440 Mexico Address: U.S. Consulate Avenida Constitucion 411 Pte. Monterrey N.L. 64004 Contact: Sheryl Binckney-Mass

Guadalajara Tel. (011)(52-33)3-615-0980 Fax. (011)(52-33)3-826-6549 Mexico Address: U.S. Consulate Lopez Cotilla No. 2032, Piso 4 44130 Guadalajara Jalisco Contact: Isabella Cascarano

Tijuana Tel. (011)(52-664)622-7400 Fax. (011)(52-664)681-8016 Mexico Address: U.S. Consulate Tapachula 96, Col. Hipodromo 22420 Tijuana, B.C.N. Contact: Judith Valdez

IV. FREIGHT FORWARDERS AND CUSTOM BROKERS

Role and Importance of Freight Forwarder/Customs Broker

The international freight forwarder acts as an agent for the imported cargo to the international destination. These agents are familiar with the import rules and regulations of foreign countries, methods of shipping, US government export regulations, and the documents connected with foreign trade.

In the case of Mexico, freight forwarders usually form part of a local customs broker company or are closely associated with one. Currently, many Mexican forwarding companies and/or customs brokers have offices on the US side of the border.

Exporters should seriously consider having a freight forwarder/customs broker handle the formidable amount of documentation that exporting requires as they are specialists in this process. Exporters should always try to work with the customs broker assigned to their client since they probably are experienced in handling these kinds of goods. There are currently 423 registered Mexican customs brokers in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico and 180 US customs brokers in Laredo, Texas. A partial list of some of these Mexican forwarding/custom brokerage companies is provided at the end of this section.

Importer Registration

Mexican importers are required to register with the Treasury Ministry on two different accounts, in the Padron de Importadores (General Importers Census) and in the Padron de Importadores Sectorial Especifico (Sectorial Registry of Importers). Mexican Customs also requires that importers of certain products re-register with their local customs regional office. Importers who do not re-register run the risk of having their shipments stopped at the border.

SELECTED MEXICAN FORWARDING/CUSTOM BROKERAGE COMPANIES SPECIALIZING IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

LEONIDES ALVARADO

Av. Cesar Lopez de Lara 525 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)713-0331 Fax . 011-(52-867)713-1060

MIGUEL ANGULO Y ASOCIADOS, S.A. DE C.V.

Hidalgo 3630-E 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)713-2645 Fax . 011-(52-867)713-4207

AUTO EXPRESS FRONTERA NORTE,

S.A. DE C.V. (Transportation Specialists as well) Prolonación Av. Huehuetoca S/N Parque Industrial Xhala Cuautitlán Ixcalli, México Tel. 011-(5255)58-721735 Fax . 011-(5255)58-705146

SANTA ESQUIVEL TORRES

Priv. Agencias Aduanales 4145 88287, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)715-0046 Fax. 011-(52-867)715-3750

SERGIO MACIAS

Heroes de Nacataz 3838 Altos 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)713-5163 Fax. 011-(52-867)713-5375

MARIO PALOS GARZA

Pedro J. Mendez 1920 Altos 88240, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)715-8288 Fax. 011-(52-867)715-8450

LEONCIO FERNANDEZ HINOJOSA

Mendoza 1005 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)712-3329 Fax. 011-(52-867)713-2853

SALVADOR ROSAS QUINTANILLA

Bravo 2123 88001, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)713-4540 Fax. 011-(52-867)713-4660

FERNANDO YARZA RODRIGUEZ

Independencia 2117 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)713-5301 Fax. 011-(52-867)713-5931

ALEJANDRO DE LA FUENTE G.

Maclovio Herrera 4024-Altos 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)713-5942 Fax. 011-(52-867)713-0968

JULIAN ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ ARZANI

Aquiles Serdan 508 Altos 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)712-6910 Fax. 011-(52-867)712-9700

RICARDO ZARAGOZA AMBROSI

Pino Suarez 3456 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)712-3033 Fax. 011-(52-867)712-5396

MARIO GUILLERMO SALGADO M.

Peru 3517 Col. Juarez 88209, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)715-7048 Fax. 011-(52-867)715-7849

SEEGROVE, S.A.

Madero 2103 Sector Aduana 88040, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)712-5185 Fax. 011-(52-867)713-1903

LUIS EDMUNDO GONZALEZ

Independencia 3636 Sector Aduana 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)712-0991 Fax. 011-(52-867)713-1218

MANUEL CANALES ESCAMILLA

Arteaga 3535 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)712-5662 Fax. 011-(52-867)713-1396

MARIO GUILLERMO SALGADO MORALES

Peru 3517 88209, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)715-7048 Fax. 011-(52-867)715-8132

CARLOS H. ZESATI

Arteaga 3341 Altos 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)712-4937 Fax. 011-(52-867)713-3142 Obregón 1500 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)713-0288 Fax. 011-(52-867)712-1120

MARTINEZ INTERNATIONAL

1607 Davis Laredo, Texas Tel. (956)726-3444

ESTHELA MOUNETOU

911 E. Del Mar Blvd. Laredo, Texas Tel. (956)725-1120

MOUNETOU INT. FORWARDING AG.

1202 Moctezuma Laredo, Texas 78040 Tel. (956)722-6887

GLAFIRO MONTEMAYOR

Mendoza 907 Esq. Mina Sector Aduana 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)712-3064 Fax. 011-(52-867)712-7929

JORGE J. VAZQUEZ ELIZONDO

Aldama 1111 Sector Aduana 88000, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas Tel. 011-(52-867)712-4121 Fax. 011-(52-867)712-2577

SANTIAGO ARECHIGA GUAJARDO

V. PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRMS

The following public relations firms can provide assistance in outreach for businesses new to the Mexican market.

COMM GROUP SA DE CV

Artemio del Valle Arizpe18-7 Col. Del Valle 031100 Mexico, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5669-3996 Fax. (011)(52-55)5669-3646

CONVERSION

Av. Veracruz 93-203 Col. Condesa 06140 Mexico, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5553-1311 Fax. (011)(52-55)5553-1311

EDELMAN MEXICO, S.A. DE C.V.

Paseo de la Reforma 116-10 Col. Juárez 06600 Mexico, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5566-2822 Fax. (011)(52-55)5535-4412

FEEDBACK

Torreo 12 Col. Roma Sur 06760 Mexico, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5564-1335 Fax. (011)(52-55)5564-4709

GRUPO CASTTLER

Patricia Gray Amsterdam 296 Col. Hipódromo 06100 Mexico, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5264-4108 Fax. (011)(52-55)5264-8075 pgray@supernet.com.mx

GRUPO GRAFAL, S.A. de C.V.

Joaquin Argaez 6 Col. San Miguel Chapultepec Tel. (011)(52-55)5553-0776 Fax. (011)(52-55)5553-0776 grupografal@aol.com

GRUPO MEGO PROMOCIONES Y PUBLICIDAD

Nogal 6414 Col. Valle de Infonavit 4 Sector Monterrey, Nuevo Leon Tel. (011)(52-81)8478-8340 Fax. (011)(52-81)8478-8340

OPERADORA DE CONVENCIONES E INCENTIVOS "OCI"

Amores 754 Col. Del Valle 03100 Mexico, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5682-8501 Fax. (011)(52-55)5682-8466

PAUTA CREATIVA PUBLICIDAD

Berlin 318 Col. Del Carmen Coyoacan 04100 Mexico, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5658-1566 Fax. (011)(52-55)5658-1588

IMPACTOS FRECUENCIA Y COBERTURA EN MEDIOS

Sossoferrato 61 Col. Alfonso XIII 01460 Mexico, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5482-3827 Fax. (011)(52-55)5482-3804

VI. REAL ESTATE

For US businesses interested in finding commercial property, the following list provides contacts in Mexico City and Monterrery. These agents will have information for real estate agents outside of Mexico City and Monterrey. The property owner usually commissions real estate brokers (corredores) and in this manner they obtain their fees. Although you may find a property through their services, keep in mind that under the existing system in Mexico, their fiduciary responsibility is solely to the person that pays the commission.

CENTURY 21

Contact: Grissel Antunez Monte Everest 635 Lomas de Chapultepec Mexico City, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5202-9358, (011)(52-55)5202-8888, (011)(52-55)5520-2611 Fax. (011)(52-55)5202-5282

IDEAL HOMES (also handles commercial property) Contact: Sergio Rojkind Halpert Av. Lomas Verdes 651 Naucalpan, Edo. De Mexico 53120 Tel. (011)(52-55)5294-5822, (011)(52-55)5251-2517 Fax. (011)(52-55)5393-6088

REAL ESTATE COUNSELOR

Contact: Judy Mizrahi Sierra Paracaima 1229 Col. Lomas de Chapultepec Mexico, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5251-6717 Fax. (011)(52-55)5251-8238

VII. TRADE LAW FIRMS IN MEXICO

AGUILAR GOMEZ, RAUL

Contact: Lic. Raul Aguilar Gomez 1509586 Capulin 46-202 Col. del Valle 03200- Mexico, D. F. Tel. & Fax.: (011)(52-55)5575-6854, (011)(52-55)5575-6458 Languages: Spanish, English, French.

TYPE OF PRACTICE: litigant in civil law, corporate law, taxation law, trade and custom law, foreign investment, mining law, patents & trade-marks, international financing, immigration matters, joint ventures and recovery of goods in customs (house hold goods, vehicles, big trucks, boats.) Graduated: National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) Law Degree. 12 years of practice.

BARONA ABOGADOS, S. C.

Contact: Lic. Luis Barona Mariscal Anatole France 152 Col. Polanco 11560 Mexico, D. .F Tel.: (011)(52-55)5280-6567 Fax.: (011)(52-55)5280-9563 E-Mail: abogados@barona.com.mx Languages: Spanish and English License number 715981

License number

TYPE OF PRACTICE: Corporate law, litigation, joint ventures, foreign Investments, estate cases, patent and trademarks.

Graduated: La Salle University 1973, 28 years of practice.

BUFETE RODRIGUEZ MARQUEZ, S.C.

Contact: Lic. Jose Antonio Rodriguez Marquez Crepúsculo No. 47 Col. Insurgentes Cuicuilco 04530 México, D.F. Tel. (011)(52-55)5666-1178, Fax.: (011)(52-55)5666-1144 Languages: English and Spanish License number 552666

TYPE OF PRACTICE: counsel to national and international entities on the formation and development of tourism, industrial, commercial, and "maquiladora" projects, foreign investment, industrial and intellectual property rights, foreign trade and tax matters. corporate, tax law.

Graduated: Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, National School of Professional Studies of Acatlan, University of Houston, Universidad Panamericana. Member of the Mexican Bar Association, Inter-American Bar Association, American Chamber of Commerce, A.C., More than 10 years of experience.

CARAZA Y MORAYTA

License number 1398306

Contact: Lic. Francisco Caraza Samaniego Monte Libano No. 235, 20. Piso Col. Lomas de Chapultepec 11000 Mexico D.F Tel.: (011)(52-55)5540-5148, Fax.: (011)(52-55)5540-6650 Languages: Spanish , English and French

TYPE OF PRACTICE: corporate and administrative law, government contracts, trust, divorces, preparations of wills, banking, insurance, franchises, patent and trademark law, estate cases, mexican international law, immigration, foreign investment and transfer of technology.

Graduated: Universidad Iberoamericana. 5 Years of practice

GOODRICH, RIQUELME Y ASOCIADOS

Contacts:	License numbers	
Lic. Bill F. Kryzda	136317	
Lic. David H. Brill, Jr.	273089	
Lic. Tomas Sanchez Baylon	32309	
Lic. Jaime Delgado	81328	
Lic. Jorge Leon Orantes	97751	
Lic. Alvaro Gonzalez Ocampo	64597	
Lic. Raul S. Moreyra	164454	
Lic. Agustin R. Urdapilleta	211984	
Lic. Julio Flores Luna	690965	
Reforma 265, Mezannine		
Col. Cuauhtemoc		
06500- Mexico, D. F.		
Tel.: (011)(52-55)5533-0040 to 55, Fax.: (011)(52-55)5525-1227		
Languages: Spanish, English, French, Italian, Polish and Portuguese		

TYPE OF PRACTICE: general civil practice, commercial, corporate, foreign investment, transfer of technology and in-bond "maquiladora" regulations, tax, labor, real estate, trusts, mining petroleum, banking and finance, insurance, arbitration, immigration, customs, maritime law, aviation, patent and trademark, copyright, licensing law and estates.

Kryzda- graduated: Northwestern University, Southern Methodist University Law Institute of the Americas, National Autonomous University of Mexico Law School. Member of Illinois and American Bar Associations; International Bar Association, Inter-American Bar Association, El Ilustre y Nacional Colegio de Abogados de Mexico. 35 years of practice.

Brill- graduated: University of Wisconsin, University of Chicago; Harvard Law School, University of Nuevo Leon Law School. Member of International Bar Association. More than 35 years of practice.

Sanchez- graduated: National Autonomous University of Mexico Law School, Indiana State College; Southern Methodist University Law Institute of the Americas. Member El Ilustre y

National Colegio de Abogados de Mexico; Mexican Bar Association; International Bar Association; International Fiscal Association; Mexican Confederation of Industrial Chambers. More than 25 vears of practice.

Delgado- graduated: National Autonomous University of Mexico Law School. Member Barra Mexicana Colegio de Abogados: Inter-American Bar Association; Iberoamericana Association of Labor Law. More than 35 years of practice.

Leon- graduated: University of Guadalajara, New York University. Member Inter-American Bar Association; United States Trademark Association; International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property, A.C.: Licensing Executives Societe; Inter-American Association of Industrial Property. More than 25 years of practice.

Gonzalez- graduated: Escuela Libre de Derecho. Member of International Bar Association; Barra Mexicana Colegio de Abogados. More than 20 years of practice.

Moreyra- graduated: National Autonomous University of Mexico Law School. Member American Bar Association; International Bar Association. More than 30 years of practice.

Urdapilleta- graduated: National Autonomous University of Mexico Law School. Member International Fiscal Association; International Association of Lawyers; Mexican Bar Association; International Bar Association. More than 20 years of practice.

Flores- graduated: National Autonomous University of Mexico Law School. Vice Chairman Labor Affairs Committee American Chamber of Commerce; Mexican Association of Corporate Attorneys. 8 years of practice.

HALKIN-AZUELA BUFETE

Contacts: License number Lic. Fernando Halkin Bider 178993 Lic. Salvador Azuela Arriaga Reforma 369, 5th floor Col. Cuauhtemoc 06500 Mexico, D. F. Tel.: (011)(52-55)5207-3007, (011)(52-55)5207-0722, (011)(52-55)5207-4684 Fax.: (011)(52-55)5207-5394 Languages: Spanish, English, French, Russian, Polish, Hebrew and German.

TYPE OF PRACTICE: corporate, international law, business, tax, administrative, tourism, immigration, banking, finance, insurance, patents and trademark, trust and estates, foreign investment, transfer of technology, maritime and aviation. Graduated: Universidad Nacional de Mexico. More than 25 years of practice.

OGARRIO DAGUERRE, S.C.

Contacts: Jorge Ogarrio Kalb Alejandro Ogarrio Ramirez Constituyentes 345-70.Piso License numbers 2137133 155707

Col. Daniel Garza 11830 Mexico, D. F. Tel.: (011)(52-55)5272-9633, (011)(52-55)5271-3222 Fax.: (011)(52-55)5271-3665 e-mail: ogda@ogarrio.com.mx Languages: Spanish, English and French

TYPE OF PRACTICE: Corporate and commercial law, mergers and acquisitions, foreign investment and international transactions, project finance, banking and finance, capital markets and securities, government contracting and privatizations, real estates.

Graduated: Escuela Libre de Derecho and Georgetown University. Eight years of practice.

VERA ABOGADOS, S.C.

 Contacts:
 License numbers

 Lic. Luis Vera V.
 161155

 Lic. Luis Vera P.
 2739663

 Av. Constituyentes 345-710
 11830- Mexico, D.F.

 Tel.: (011)(52-55)5271-6731, (011)(52-55)5273-8877 Fax.: (011)(52-55)5272-1721
 Languages: Spanish, English and French

TYPE OF PRACTICE: administrative, litigation, commercial, mercantile, taxes, corporative law, foreign investment, technology transfer and copyright laws, computer law in Mexico and high-tech corporations, immigration matters and preparation of contracts. Vera V.- graduated: Escuela Libre de Derecho, Cambridge University. Vera P.- graduated: Escuela Libre de Derecho. More than 15 years of practice.

TRADE LAW FIRMS IN MONTERREY

DEL VALLE DE LA GARZA MAURICIO

Contacts: Mauricio del Valle de la Garza 5 de mayo 933 Pte. 64000 Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico Tel.: (011)(52-81)8335-8590 Fax.: (011)(52-81)8335-8590 Languages: Spanish and English

TYPE OF PRACTICE: Commercial and trade law, criminal law, narcotics, general practice, family law.

GARCIA-URDIALES GUMARO

Contacts: Gumaro Garcia-Urdiales Washington 1232 Pte. 64000 Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico Tel.: (011)(52-81)8340-8545 Fax.: (011)(52-81)8340-0732 Languages: Spanish and English

TYPE OF PRACTICE: Commercial and trade law, general practice. Law degree at University of Nuevo Leon, 1961.

MARTINEZ GARCIA JORGE

Contacts: Jorge Martinez Garcia Edif. Latino, Desp. 1712 64000 Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico Tel.: (011)(52-81)8356-9078 Fax.: (011)(52-81)8342-9606 Languages: Spanish and English

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VIII. MEXICAN LABELING VERIFICATION UNITS

Labels on products imported into the Mexican market must be authorized. This certification is secured by verification units, which are companies empowered by the Mexican Government to counsel, review, and authorize labels for imported products. US exporters must contact one of these verification units through their local representative and request label authorization according to NOM 051. The verification unit will ask exporters for a copy of their proposed label in English and Spanish. The verification unit will review the label and text and recommend changes, if any, that should be made in order to provide the final authorization. Only after final authorization should labels be printed. A partial list of verification units that can assist US exporters to comply with Mexican labeling requirements is listed at the end of this section.

Product Exceptions: Customs brokers can present a letter directed to the Official Customs Administrator to explain that the items being imported are not for retail sale but instead for industrial processing or the service sector and, as such, do not require labels. The letter lists the invoice number, the name of the international supplier, and complete address where these goods will be further processed. This document is signed by the importer on the letterhead of the importing company.

For more details on labeling requirements, please refer to the report accessing instructions on the first page and Access report number MX1223.

LABELING VERIFICATION UNITS:

ALMACENADORA ACCEL, S.A.

Almacen General de Deposito Virginia Fabregas 80, Col. San Rafael 06470 Mexico, D.F. Tel: (011)(52-55)5705-2788; Fax: (011)(52-55)5705-4794 Contact: Enrique Aleman

ALMACENES DE DEPOSITO OCEJO, S.A. DE C.V

Calle Oriente 107 No. 3118 Col. Tablas de San Agust±n 07860 Mexico, D.F. Tel: (011)(52-55)5760-5511, (011)(52-55)5760-0191 Fax: (011)(52-55)5760-0855, (011)(52-55)5751-1553 Contact: Alejandro Ocejo

ALMACENADORA DE DEPOSITO MODERNO, S.A. DE C.V.

Almacen General de Deposito Albeniz 4418, Col. Ampl. Gpe. Victoria 07780 Mexico, D.F. Tel: (011)(52-55)5318-8990 Fax: (011)(52-55)5318-8999 Contact: Dir. Lic Elias Guerra Escobar

CALIDAD MEXICANA CERTIFICADA, A.C.-CALMECAC

Jose Vasconselos 83 Col. San Miguel Chapultepec 11850 Mexico, D.F. Tel: (011)(52-55)5553-0571, (011)(52-55)5553-0645 Fax: (011)(52-55)5211-6702 Contact: Lic. Jaime Acosta Polanco, Director

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