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The Mexican economy continued its expansion in 2006

Thanks to the economic growth of Mexico's trading partners and to the confidence among the investors in the economic direction of the country, the Mexican economy grew importantly in 2006.

The economic activity in Mexico, measured through the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), showed a real growth of 4.8% during 2006, with increases in all divisions. This growth has impelled more and better-paid jobs, thus encouraging the consumption through a higher purchasing power, with the consequent increase in investment and production.

From April 2006 to March 2007, the Mexican economy has added 885 thousand jobs*, an annual growth of 5.6%. To illustrate the relevance of this growth, two years ago, in the period of April 2004 to March 2005, the annual increase was of 176 thousand jobs.

Employment in construction contributed with more than 143 thousand new jobs, a variation of 13.3%. The transformation industry generated 98 thousand new jobs, the services sector almost 387 thousand and the commerce sector 182 thousand.

In terms of incomes, in March 2007 the workers received 5.8% more wages that in March of the previous year. During 2006, the increase was 5.3%.

The increase in employment and wages elevated the consumer purchasing power, which combined with an expansion of 40.9% in consumption financing, resulted in an increase of 13.1% in the consumption of durable goods during 2006.

* Source: Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social (IMSS)

Trade Fairs and exhibits in Mexico

MEXIGRAFIKA

May 25-27, 2007

CINTERMEX Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

VII Exhibition of Graphic Arts Industry

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EXPO PACK

June 26-29, 2007

Centro Banamex, Mexico City

Exhibition of machinery for the Industry of the processing, packages and packing

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July 11-13, 2007

Centro Banamex, Mexico City

International Congress of the Automotive Industry in Mexico

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Mexico strengthens the support to the micro, small and medium enterprises

One of the Federal Government's high-priority goals is to foster an integral policy for the entrepreneurial development, that allows the economic and technological development of the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) to become more competitive.

With this purpose, the Mexican Commission for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, (COMPYME), was created on 2 May, as a permanent interdepartmental commission that will have for object to coordinate, to guide, to promote and to foster the public sector strategies and actions for the integral development of MSME.

COMPYME is integrated by the heads of the Ministries of: Economy, who presides; Finance; Social Development; Environment and Natural Resources; Agriculture, Education; Labor; Agrarian Reform; and Tourism; as well as of the National Council of Science and Technology and Nacional Financiera.

Among the main functions of COMPYME are:

- I. To coordinate the strategies and actions of the public sector for the integral development of MSME;
- II. To propose mechanisms to harmonize and coordinate public policies to efficient the resources assigned to the creation and invigoration of MSME;
- III. To analyze the proposals of the public and private sector for the integral development of MSME.

To operate COMPYME won't be required additional resources, because it will be use the human resources, materials and budget of the Undersecretary for the Small and Medium Enterprises of the Ministry of Economy.

This measure comes to reinforce others efforts that considerable decreased (almost half) the time to deliver the resources of the PyME Fund, reduced the number of requirements, and simplified the procedures of the Fund.

For more information check the Mexico's Official Gazette of 2 May, 2007.

Mexico's Total Trade in March (billion US\$)			
	2006	2007	%
Total	42.1	43.7	3.9
Exports	21.0	21.6	3.3
Exports (excluding oil)	17.5	18.5	6.0
Imports	21.1	22.1	4.5

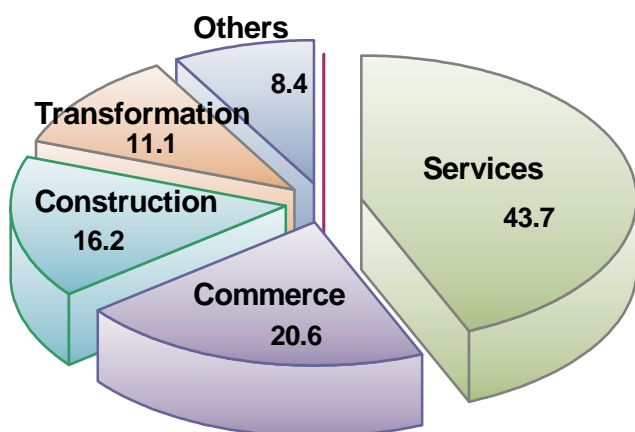
Source: Banco de México

Mexico's Trade with EU and EFTA (million US\$)			
January-December	2005	2006	%
Exports to the EU	9,807.4	13,445.1	37.1
Imports from the EU	25,962.6	29,013.4	11.8
Exports to the EFTA	1,101.8	1,669.2	51.5
Imports from the EFTA	1,262.4	1,412.5	11.9

Source: Banco de México

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**Employment by Sector
(Participation)
(April 2006 - May 2007)**



885,317 new jobs

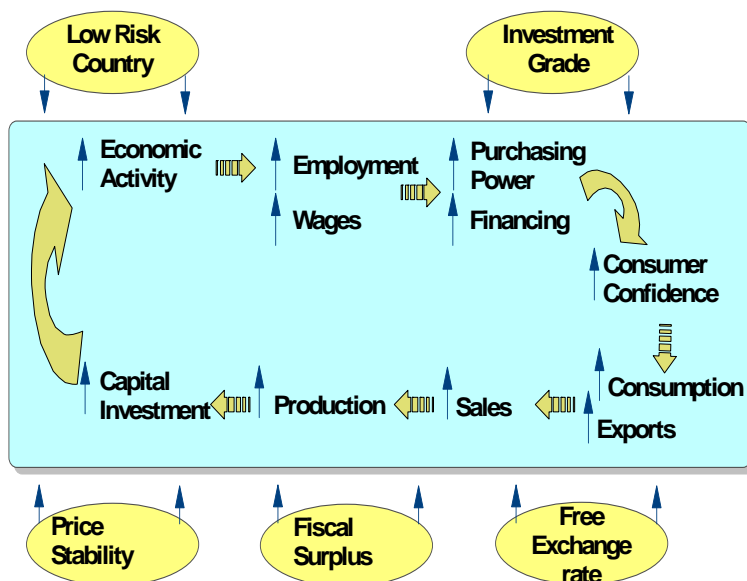
Source: Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social

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The bigger domestic consumption jointly with the increase of 16.7% in exports during 2006 pushed the industrial production in 5% and the construction in 6.9%. It is important to highlight that in the manufacturing sector 38 out of the 49 economic activities grew during 2006.

To face the expansion of domestic and external demand of goods and to maintain its competitiveness, companies established in Mexico made important investments of capital during 2006. The gross fixed capital formation rose 10%, as a result of the growth in its two components, construction and machinery and equipment, with increases of 6.9% and 12.5%, respectively, pushing the capital goods production in 17.3%.

Virtuous Circle



In the first quarter of 2007; the GDP grew at an annual real rate of 2.6%.

Private sector analysts expect that this dynamics of growth continued present in the Mexican economy during the present year. The Mexico consensus economic forecast for the GDP in 2007 is a real growth of 3.4%. The Mexican government is expecting an increase of 3.6%.

The federal and state governments continue working together with the Mexican private sector to consolidate Mexico as a main foreign investment destination, given that Mexico is an economic gateway to export products with tariff preference to 44 countries, and also has a strong domestic market with more than 105 million consumers with an increasing purchasing power.

Source: Instituto Nacional de Estadística Geografía e Informática (INEGI)

Mexico's Economic Indicators	
Inflation rate:	-0.06% (April 2007); 0.96% (January–April 2007)
Industrial Gross Domestic Product:	0.2% (Mar 2007 / Mar 2006)
Manufacturing:	-0.05%; Construction: 1.0%; Mining: 1.5%
General Index of Economic Activity:	2.70% (Feb 2007 / Feb 2006)
Consumer Confidence Index:	106.3 pts. (April 2007) -2.9 percentage points (Apr 2007 / Apr 2006)
Open unemployment rate:	4.0% (March 2007) Source: INEGI

Mexico's Financial Indicators	
Foreign exchange rate:	10.85 peso/dollar (10-May-2007)
Internacional reserves:	\$69,825 million dollars (11-May-2007)
Mexican stock market index (IPC):	29,654 (10-May-2007)
Interest rate treasury bonds CETES 28 days:	7.24% (10-May-2007)
	Source: Banco de México

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- 02/04/2007 Fifteenth Resolution to the Fiscal Resolution for 2006
- 03/04/2007 Preliminary resolution to the countervailing investigation of imports, classified under Tariff Item 9603.40.01 of the General Imports and Exports Tariff Law, originating from China, regardless of shipping country
- 04/04/2007 Agreement modifying the existing one notifying the preferential import quota for new vehicles from Japan, with the preference established under the Economic Partnership Agreement between Mexico and Japan.
- 04/04/2007 Final resolution of the administrative procedure of product coverage concerning the final resolution that imposed countervailing duty to strollers imports, classified under Tariff Item 8715.00.01 of the General Imports and Exports Tariff Law, originating from China, regardless of shipping country
- 17/04/2007 Second agreement notifying the program numbers for the Manufacturing, Maquiladora and export services industry.
- 19/04/2007 Final resolution of the review by the panel to the final resolution on the effects of the final countervailing duty imposed to ceramic and porcelain chinaware imports, classified under Tariff Item 6911.10.01 y 6912.00.02 (6912.00.01, previously) of the General Imports and Exports Tariff Law, originating from China, regardless of shipping country
- 19/04/2007 Notice of suspension of the review by the panel to the final resolution on the effects of the final countervailing duty suppression imposed to pork legs imports, classified under Tariff Item 2815.12.01 of the General Imports and Exports Tariff Law, originating from the United States of America, regardless of shipping country
- 24/04/2007 Fiscal Resolution for 2007 (FR-2007)
- 26/04/2007 Third Resolution of Modifications to the Customs Resolution of Decision 2/2000 of the Joint Council Interim Agreement on trade and related aspects between Mexico and the European Communities and its annexes 1 & 2
- 30/04/2007 Agreement notifying the preferential import quota for fresh bananas from Mexico into Japan
- 30/04/2007 Agreement modifying the existing one approving the formats to be used when complying with administrative requirements before the Ministry of Economy, the National Center of Metrology, the Council of Mineral Resources, the Trust for Mining Development and the Consumer Protection Federal agency

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- 20/04/07 C87 List of agencies and laboratories which third countries have made responsible for completing the documents which must accompany each consignment of wine imported into the Community
- 21/04/07 L104 Council Regulation (EC) No 437/2007 of 20 April 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 622/2006 establishing a Community code for air safety
- 28/04/07 C94 Non opposition to a notified concentration Nemak/Hydro Castings
- 28/04/07 C94 Non opposition to a notified concentration Nemak/TK Aluminium

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