

Regulatory News Alerts & Updates

RegAlert Update: Mexico – Regulatory Amendments to the Simplified Clearance of Express Shipments

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BACKGORUND

On December 30, 2024, the Mexican government published regulations affecting the simplified clearance of express shipments and expanding the information obligations on their clearance. On April 7th, 2025, the government published amendments repealing, rolling back or adjusting some of those measures.

WHAT WILL CHANGE

- 1. Effective April 8, 2025:
 - The RFC -and- CURP (Tax ID and Personal ID) requirement was formally replaced by RFC or- CURP (Tax ID or Personal ID). This means the CURP (Personal ID) is acceptable in lieu
 of RFC (Tax ID) whenever the consignee does not have one (e.g., when the consignee is
 below legal age (<18)). Foreign legal residents of Mexico should provide RFC or CURP. If
 consignees are foreign tourists, they must provide either their Social Security Number, or
 their home country TaxID, or their passport number:

Consignee:	RFC	CURP
Individual of legal age (18+)	Required	Acceptable if RFC not available
Individual below legal age (<18)	Not required	Required
Business, company or legal entity	Required	N/A
Foreigner, legal resident in Mexico	Required	Acceptable if RFC not available
Foreigner, tourist	Required: Tax Id, or Social Security #, or Passport #	

- Other information requirements remain valid: complete and accurate names, description of the goods, as well as full delivery address, and shippers' and consignees' phone number and e-mail (the latter only when the shipment originates on an e-commerce platform).
- The prohibition of using a simplified entry to pay countervailing and antidumping duties has been lifted, and FedEx has resumed this kind of import operations.

- The US\$1,000 threshold to require the consignee to hold an Importer's Registry has been raised to US\$2,500, as it used to be before January 1st.
- The prohibition of using a simplified entry to clear goods of Chapter 87 of the Harmonized System (HS) has been lifted, with the sole exception of motorcycles, mopeds, and cycles with electric motors for propulsion of HS Code 8711.60.01, whose importation under a simplified entry remains prohibited. FedEx has resumed the import operations of the remaining goods of Chapter 87 of the HS.

2. Effective May 1, 2025:

Incremental information requirement: Effective May 1st, 2025, **if applicable**, FedEx must report to Tax Administration Service (SAT) and the National Customs Agency of Mexico (ANAM) the **name, commercial brand and origin country of the e-commerce platforms** involved in each transaction, including intermediaries or "marketplaces".

Failure to comply with the information requirements listed herein may impede clearance, cause extended delays, or subject shipments to additional inspection by ANAM, abandonment, or return to origin at shipper's expense.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q 1 – When will the changes go into effect?

A 1 – The modification of the RFC (Tax ID) or CURP (Personal ID) provision, as well as the lift of prohibitions and the ability to pay antidumping and countervailing duties using a simplified entry document once again entered into force on April 8, 2025. The incremental information requirement on e-commerce platforms (if applicable) is slated to enter into force on May 1, 2025.

Q 2 – What are the consequences if a shipment arrives in Mexico without the required information from the shipper?

A 2 – Shipments arriving without the required information may be subject to additional screening by ANAM and/or experience delays in clearance due to the need to inspect the package contents and/or contact the consignee.

The absolute absence of the information will impede FedEx from completing customs clearance or delivery of the shipment. Shipments with inaccurate or incomplete information may end up in abandonment to ANAM or returned to origin at shipper's expense.

Q3 – Can a consignee provide a CURP instead of his valid RFC at pleasure?

A 3 – The regulations require the consignee to provide an RFC (TaxID) for clearance exempt from the Importer's Registry requirement. The CURP (Personal ID) may be used in lieu of the RFC only if the consignee does not have an RFC. Otherwise, the use of an RFC is mandatory.

Q4 – How should shippers provide the required information to FedEx?

A 4 – The required information must be provided by correctly completing all the available fields on the International Air Waybill in the appropriate fields (e-mail address may be written in the Description field), in the commercial invoice, or through the FedEx.com form available at https://www.fedex.com/es-mx/shipping/simplified-shipping.html

Date of enforcement: April 8, 2025 (May 1 for incremental information requirements whenever an e-commerce platform is involved)

References:

Primera Resolución de Modificaciones a las Reglas Generales de Comercio Exterior para 2025 (1st amendment to the General Rules of Foreign Trade), Rule 3.7.5. (in Spanish only) plus fichas de trámite (technical sheets) 124/LA & 125/LA: https://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5754200&fecha=07/04/2025#gsc.tab=0

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