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On March 21 the Banco de Mexico (central bank) reported a 1990 trade deficit of \$4.4661 billion, up 161% compared to the \$1.7105 figure for 1989. Total trade (imports and exports) for 1990 reached \$58.0247 billion, compared to \$47.2403 billion in 1989, an increase of 22.82%. Export revenues last year increased by 17.6%, from \$22.7649 billion to \$26.7793 billion. Imports were up 27.7%, from \$24.4754 billion to \$31.2455 billion. Manufacturing exports increased by 13.6%, from \$13.0141 billion to \$14.7837 billion. Manufactures imports were up 29.9%, from \$20.8028 billion to \$27.0261 billion. According to the National Foreign Trade Bank (BANCOMEXT) and the National Informatics, Geography and Statistics Institute (INEGI), 25 products accounted for 60% of Mexican exports, and 73.3% of total exports are controlled by 317 companies, with only 10 companies controlling 60.5%. The 10 companies are PEMEX (with 55.9% of total exports), Chrysler (6.4%), Ford (4.7%), General Motors (4.6%), Mexicana de Aviacion (2.5%), Telefonos de Mexico (2.3%), Met Mex Penoles (2.2%), Volkswagen (1.4%), IBM (1.4%) and Celanese (1.4%). Selected manufactures import categories are summarized below. 1990 import % increase spending over 1989 Beverages, foodstuffs, \$ 2.679 billion 33 & tobacco Textiles, clothing & 1.0477 29 leather Paper, printing & publishing 1.0614 13.6 Oil derivatives 1.0568 30.1 Chemical products 2.7779 13.1 Plastics & rubber .785 25 Iron & steel 1.6284 24.1 Metals, machinery & equipment 14.4168 41 (Sources: La Jornada, El Financiero, 03/22/91; Notimex, 03/30/91)