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## **Mexican Overland Transport System Cannot Compete With U.S. & Canadian Counterparts**

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On Aug. 6, Alejandro Peniche Alvarez, overland transport director for the Transportation and Communications Secretariat (SCT), told reporters that Mexican transport services cannot compete with US and Canadian counterparts. He said only 15% of 3,700 domestic transport companies are capable of competing. Peniche Alvarez described the Mexican fleet of railway cars and trucks as technologically backward. According to Peniche Alvarez, US companies will enjoy huge advantages since their relatively new transport equipment requires less maintenance, and because the US deregulation process has been underway for years. At present, trucks and railways carry 85% and 15%, respectively, of overland freight between the US and Mexico. (Source: El Financiero International, 08/17/92)

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