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On May 14, the government's statistics institute (Instituto de Estadisticas, Geografia e Informatica, INEGI), reported that maquiladora plants imported US$2.581 billion worth of components and packaging materials during the first two months of 1993, an increase of 16.2% from January-February 1992. According to the INEGI report, the rise in imports is explained partially by an increase in the number of maquiladora plants, which totaled 2,133 at the end of February, compared with 2,024 at the same time in 1992. INEGI reported that maquiladora imports in the first two months of this year represented about 98.3% of the components used by these plants. The remaining 1.7% consisted of only about US$45 million worth of components from domestic, Mexican sources. (Source: Notimex, 05/15/93)

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