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## Press Release – **FAA Finds Mexico Does Not Meet ICAO Safety Standards**

### For Immediate Release

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today announced that Mexico is not in compliance with international safety standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), following an assessment of the country's civil aviation authority. As a result, the United States is downgrading Mexico from a Category 1 to Category 2 rating.

As part of the FAA's International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) program, the agency assesses the civil aviation authorities of all countries with air carriers that operate or have applied to fly to the United States and makes that information available to the public. The assessments determine whether or not foreign civil aviation authorities are meeting ICAO safety standards, not FAA regulations. With the IASA Category 2 rating, Mexican air carriers cannot establish new service to the United States, although they are allowed to maintain existing service.

While Mexico has been responsive to the FAA's findings and has made significant improvements in recent months, it was unable to fully comply with all of the international safety standards. However, under the leadership of Director General Hector Gonzalez Weeks, Mexico continues to make progress. The FAA is committed to working closely with the Mexican government and providing technical assistance to help Mexico regain its Category 1 rating.

A Category 1 rating means the country's civil aviation authority complies with ICAO standards. A Category 2 rating means a country either lacks laws or regulations necessary to oversee air carriers in accordance with international standards, or that its civil aviation authority – equivalent to the FAA for aviation safety matters – is deficient in one or more areas, such as technical expertise, trained personnel, record-keeping or inspection procedures.

Countries with air carriers that fly to the United States must adhere to the safety standards of ICAO, the United Nations' technical agency for aviation that establishes international standards and recommended practices for aircraft operations and maintenance.

IASA information is at [www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/iasa/](http://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/iasa/) (<http://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/iasa/>) .

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## Press Release – FAA Raises Safety Rating for Mexico

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today announced that Mexico complies with international safety standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), based on the results of a November FAA review of Mexico's civil aviation authority.

Under the leadership of Secretary Juan Molinar and Director General Hector Gonzalez Weeks, Mexico has made significant progress and is now upgraded from the Category 2 safety rating the country received in July to Category 1. At Mexico's request, the FAA will continue to provide technical assistance to support and maintain the changes the civil aviation authority has made.

A Category 1 rating means the country's civil aviation authority complies with ICAO standards. A Category 2 rating means a country either lacks laws or regulations necessary to oversee air carriers in accordance with minimum international standards, or that its civil aviation authority – equivalent to the FAA for aviation safety matters – is deficient in one or more areas, such as technical expertise, trained personnel, recordkeeping or inspection procedures.

With the International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) Category 2 rating, Mexican air carriers could not establish new service to the United States, but were allowed to maintain existing service. Now with the Category 1 rating, Mexican air carriers can again add flights and service to the United States.

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## FAA Flight Standards Service

## International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) Program

COUNTRY	CATEGORY	COUNTRY	CATEGORY
Argentina	1	Jordan	1
Aruba	1	Kiribati	2*
Australia	1	Kuwait	1
Austria	1	Luxembourg	1
Bahamas	1	Marshall Islands	1
Bangladesh	2	Malta	1
Barbados	2*	Malaysia	1
Belgium	1	Mexico	1
Belize	2*	Montenegro	2
Bermuda	1	Morocco	1
Bolivia	1	Nauru	2
Brazil	1	Netherlands incl. Bonaire, Saba, St. Eustatius	1
Brunei Darussalam	1	New Zealand	1
Bulgaria	1	Nicaragua	2*
Canada	1	Nigeria	1
Cape Verde	1	Norway	1
Cayman Islands	1	Oman	1
Chile	1	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States - Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority members : Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and The Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis	1
China	1	Pakistan	1
Colombia	1	Panama	1
Costa Rica	1	Paraguay	2*
Cote D'Ivoire	2	Peru	1
Croatia	1	Philippines	2
Curacao	2	Poland	1
Czech Republic	1	Portugal	1
Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire)	2*	Qatar	1
Denmark	1	Romania	1
Dominican Republic	1	Russia	1
Ecuador	1	Samoa	1
Egypt	1	Saudi Arabia	1
El Salvador	1	Serbia	2
Ethiopia	1	Singapore	1
Finland	1	Sint Maarten	2
France incl. Guadeloupe, French Polynesia	1	South Africa	1
Fiji	1	South Korea, Republic of	1
Gambia	2*	Spain	1
Germany	1	Suriname	1
Ghana	2	Swaziland	2*
Greece	1	Sweden	1
Guatemala	1	Switzerland	1
Guyana	2	Taiwan	1
Haiti	2*	Thailand	1
Honduras	2*	Trinidad & Tobago	1
Hong Kong	1	Tonga	1
Hungary	1	Turkey	1
Iceland	1	Ukraine	2
Ireland	1	United Arab Emirates	1
India	1	United Kingdom incl. Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos	1
Indonesia	2	Uruguay	2*
Israel	2	Uzbekistan	1
Italy	1	Venezuela	1
Jamaica	1	Zimbabwe	2*
Japan	1		

Category 1 - Meets ICAO Standards

Category 2 - Does Not Meet ICAO Standards

Note - For those countries not serving the U.S. at the time of the assessment, an asterisk " \* " will be added to their Category 2 determination.