



## Memorandum

Date: April 6, 2022

Subject: INFORMATION: Announcement—Review of FMCSA Survey on Mexico-Domiciled and Mexican-Owned or -Controlled Motor Carriers  
Project No. 22S3010S000

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To: Acting Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator

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Moving international cargo across the United States border is essential to our economy, including goods transported to and from Mexico via long-haul trucks. Pursuant to the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Implementation Act,<sup>1</sup> in August 2021, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) submitted a report to Congress on all existing grants of operating authority to, and pending applications for operating authority from, all Mexico-domiciled and Mexican-owned or -controlled motor property carriers with authority to operate beyond border commercial zones.

The USMCA Statement of Administrative Action directed our office to review the Department of Transportation's actions to determine whether each motor carrier with any operating authority covered by FMCSA's reporting requirement complies with applicable Federal motor carrier safety laws and regulations and section 350 requirements.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, our objectives for this review will be to determine whether FMCSA (1) met requirements in authorizing Mexico-domiciled and Mexican-owned or -controlled motor carriers to conduct long-haul trucking operations beyond border commercial zones and (2) monitored those carriers to ensure they are operating safely.

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<sup>1</sup> Pub. L. 116-113, Section 327 (2020).

<sup>2</sup> Section 350 of Title III of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (Pub. L. 107-87, 115 Stat. 833, 864), set requirements that FMCSA must meet prior to granting Mexico-domiciled motor carriers authority to operate in the United States. Subsequent appropriations acts continued to apply the terms and conditions of section 350.

We plan to begin the review immediately and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 366-1844 or Kerry R. Barras, Program Director, at (817) 978-3318.

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