

Legal certainty for foreign investment

Signing Agreements on Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments (RIPPA) is part of a strategy established by the Mexican government to provide national and foreign investors a legal framework that offers stronger protection for foreign investment in Mexico and Mexican investment abroad.

In general, RIPPAs cover the following disciplines: investment definition, scope of application, promotion and admission, investment treatment, expropriation, transfers and resolution of Investor-State and State-State controversies.

Mexico has signed 28 of these agreements.

RIPPAs signed by Mexico					
Country	Year	Country	Year	Country	Year
Switzerland	1996	Sweden	2001	Australia	2007
Argentina	1998	Korea	2002	Trinidad & Tobago	2007
Netherlands	1999	Italy	2002	Spain	2008
France	2000	Uruguay	2002	India	2008
U. Kingdom	2000	Greece	2002	Slovakia	2009
Portugal	2000	Cuba	2002	China	2009
Denmark	2000	Belgium	2003	Belarus	2009
Finland	2000	Czech Republic	2004	Singapore	2011
Germany	2001	Panama	2006		
Austria	2001	Iceland	2006		

Source: Ministry of Economy

Furthermore, some of the Free Trade Agreements that Mexico has signed include a chapter on investment that is similar to an RIPPAs, for example, the agreements signed with the US, Canada, Chile, Colombia and Japan.

The institutional framework that relates to trade agreements regarding investment (through RIPPAs) brings legal certainty to businesses that decide to establish operations in Mexico