# Aeroméxico - Delta Partnership

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# Seven years since the Aeroméxico – Delta Partnership

### March 2016. Cofece's authorization:

- ❖ Free up 8 slot pairs at AICM
- Yield routes where both airlines participated in terms of the Open-Skies air services agreement

# December 2017. DOT grants Antitrust Immunity (ATI):

- Free up:
  - ❖ 24 slot pairs at AICM
  - ❖ 4 slot pairs at JFK, NY

Term limit 2022 (5 years)

In seven years, the Partnership has proven beneficial for the American aviation industry





### **DOT's tentative dismissal**



Mar-22 AM y DL apply for ATI renewal

Jan-24 The DOT preliminarily dismissed the ATI

### Measures by the Mexican Government (GOM):

 These measures are in violation of the Liberalized Air Transport Agreement



 The measures taken are not in violation of the Agreement. They are backed up by technical analyses of AICM, provided in exceptions to the Agreement (Art. 11)

It emitted a Cargo Decree prohibiting all cargo operations from AICM



 The Cargo Decree only applies to dedicated cargo operations. This measure has proven beneficial

• A reduction in capacity will negatively impact current and future airlines operating at AICM



 None of the measure taken has slowed growth of American companies in the Mexican market

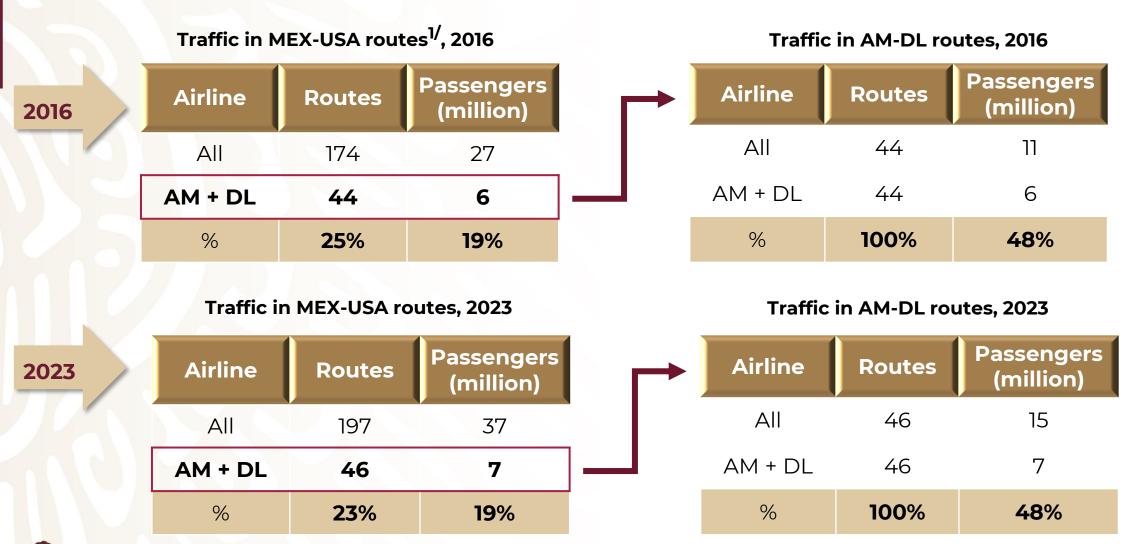
 The GOM previously stated plans for renovation works in AICM. However, it recently admitted there are no plans for such works and that capacity will not increase



 A plan to increase the capacity of the AICM is being reviewed, whose possible implementation will be decided by the next administration

### The Partnership's market share is half in MEX-USA routes



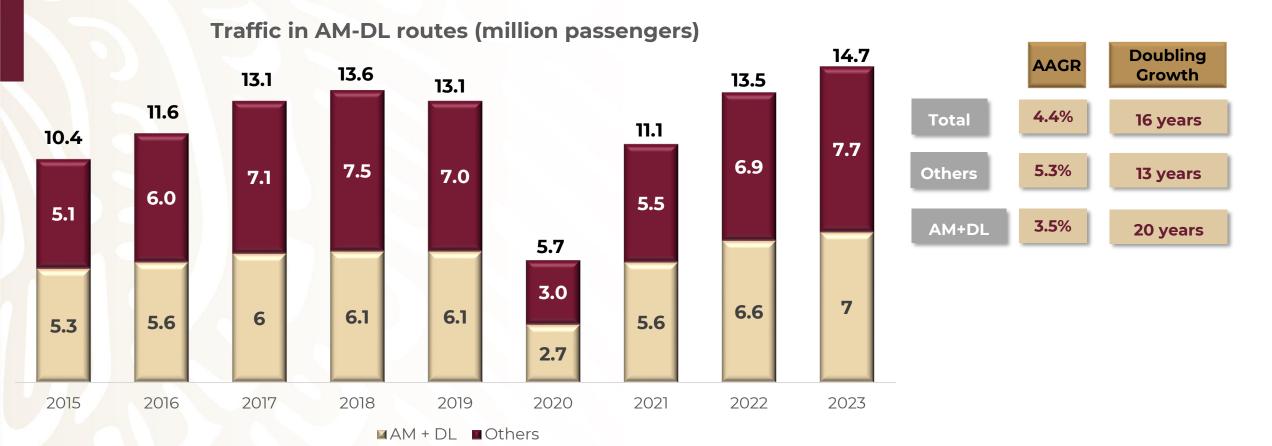




<sup>1</sup>/Note: Routes that in 2023 registered more than 10 thousand passengers per year

### **Airlines market share evolution**









Notes: (1) Routes that in 2023 registered more than 10 thousand passengers per year and the Partnership had presence

(2) AAGR: Annual Average Growth Rate

# **New MEX-EUA routes for American companies**



Airline	Routes 2023	
	Chicago - Tulum	
	Denver – Tulum	
United Airlines	Houston – Tulum	
	Los Ángeles – Tulum	
	Nueva York – Tulum	
	Atlanta – Tulum	
	Detroit – Guadalajara	
Delta Airlines	Atlanta – Mérida	
	Salt Lake City – Monterrey	
	Houston – Felipe Ángeles	
	Cincinnati – Cancún	
American	Dallas Fort Worth – Tulum	
Airlines	Charlotte – Tulum	
	Miami – Tulum	
	Los Ángeles – Puerto Vallarta	
Skywest Airlines	Dallas Fort Worth – Aguascalientes	
	Las Vegas – San José del Cabo	
	Las Vegas – Puerto Vallarta	
Southwest Airlines	St. Louis – San José del Cabo – St. Louis	
	Orlando – Cancún	

Airline	Routes 2023
Southwest Airlines	Kansas City – San José del Cabo
	Atlanta – Guadalajara
Frontier Airlines	Phoenix – Cancún
	Midway – Cancún – Midway
Envoy Air	Dallas Fort Worth – Manzanillo
	Phoenix – Mazatlán
	Dallas Fort Woth – Cozumel
Spirit Airlines	Orlando – Tulum
	Fort Lauderdale – Tulum
Jetblue Airways	Los Ángeles – Puerto Vallarta

Airline	Routes 2024	
Skywest Airlines	Houston - Manzanillo	
	Houston - Monterrey	
	Phoenix – Tijuana – Phoenix	
	Houston – Bajío – Houston	
	Houston – Mazatlán – Houston	
	Houston – Zihuatanejo – Houston	
	Houston – Manzanillo - Houston	
Sunwing Airlines	St. John – Varadero – Cancún – Quebec – St. John	
Frontier Airlines	Dallas Fort Worth – Puerto Vallarta – Dallas Fort Worth	
	Phoenix – San José del Cabo – Phoenix	

AFAC authorized 20 new routes for 10 American companies (2023-2024)

# The GOM's measures are in accordance with the Air Transport Agreement<sup>1</sup>



Declaration of **airfield** saturation

Declaration of **terminal buildings saturation Reduction to 52 ops/hr** 

**Cargo Decree** 

Second declaration of saturation

Reduction to 43 ops/hr















Study: Airfield and air side capacity



Study: Service levels of terminal buildings





## **Exceptions to the Air Transport Agreement<sup>1</sup>**







- Structural and operational constraints
- Saturation on the airfield and terminal buildings

### **Cargo operations**



- Increased delays all over the air cargo service chain
- Worse commute times in nearby areas
- Long wait times for passengers

There is a capacity increase plan under review for AICM

#### Criteria

Operational security



Operational efficiency



Better service for travelers

### Resolutions

**Second Declaration** of **temporary saturation** of TI and T2

43 ops/hr (Jan-08-2024)

### Cargo decree

Redistributes operations to other airports in the metro area<sup>2</sup>

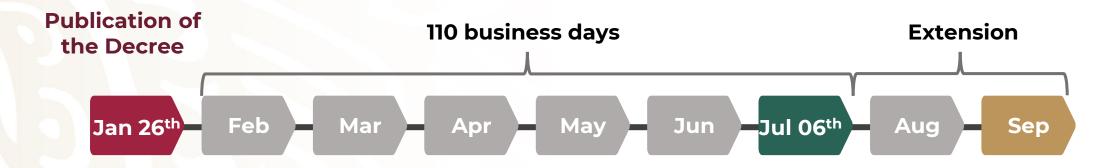


2. Composed by AIT, AIFA, Puebla and Querétaro



# Results of American Cargo Airlines under the Cargo Decree





Jun - Dec 2022

AICM			
Operations	Thousand tons		
68	2,208		
63	2,045		
69	2,497		
66	2,130		
83	3,570		
91	3,208		
85 4,147			
525	19,806		

Jun - Dec 2023

AIFA			
Operations	Thousand tons		
6	39		
15	1,217		
40	2,321		
86	3,618		
115	4,901		
128	5,200		
128	5,558		
518	22,854		





Average tons per operation

Jun-Dec 2022

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Junio-Dec 2023

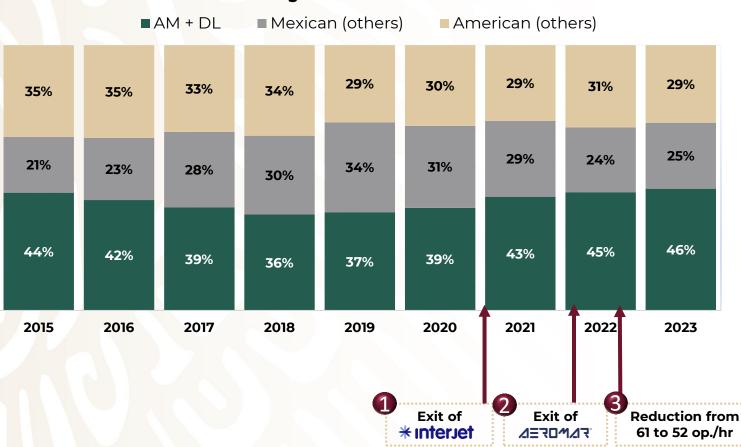
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# Exit of Mexican airlines led to slot rearrangements at AICM







- Reassignment of 33 daily slots, subject to performance
- **Reassignment of 34 daily slots** in 2022 and 26 in 2023
- **Operations reduction** for the season had an impact on slots

# Average daily slots in MEX-USA routes (winter season)

Airline	2021	2022	2023	Δ 2021- 2023
Aeroméxico	94	61	57	-37
Viva Aerobús	14	18	11	-2
Volaris	17	12	13	-4
United Airlines	30	26	28	-2
American Airlines	26	25	24	-2
Delta	20	18	20	0

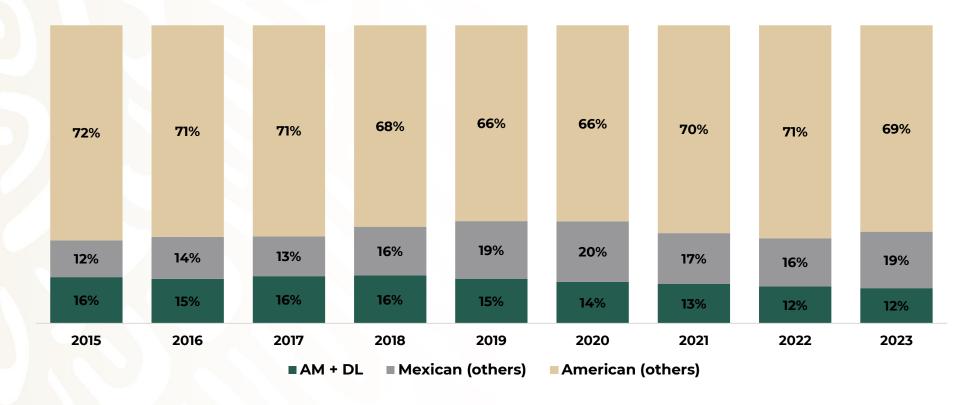


# The Partnership's market share decreased 3% in 4 years



Passenger share by airline\*

Routes México- EUA (w/o AICM)

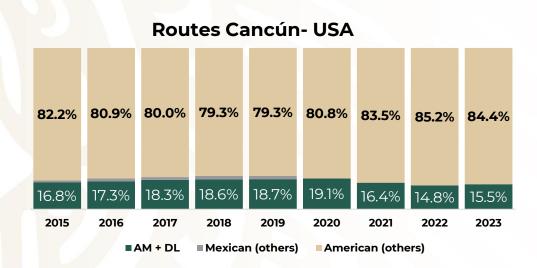




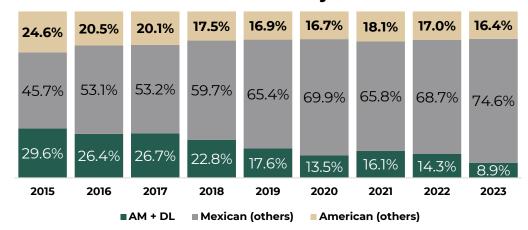
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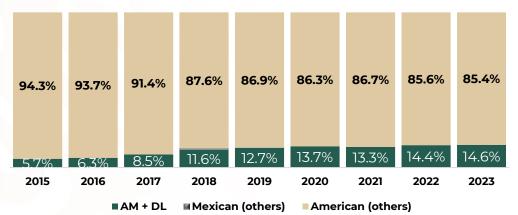
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#### Routes Guadalajara- USA



#### Routes San José del Cabo - USA



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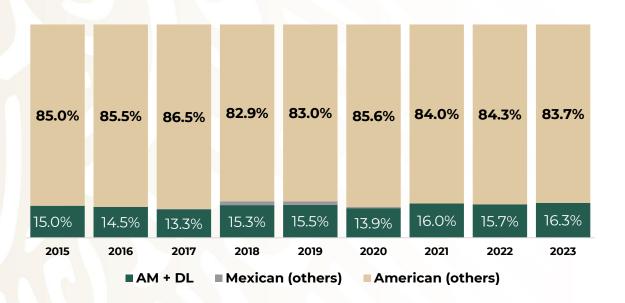
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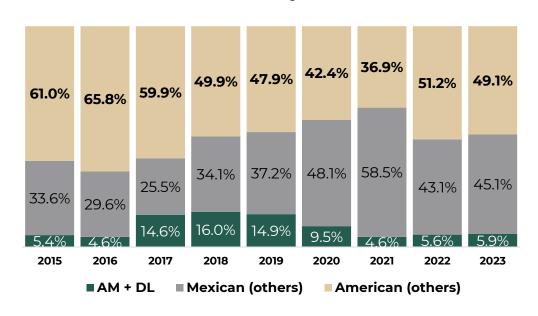


### Passenger share by airline\*

#### **Routes Puerto Vallarta - USA**



#### **Routes Monterrey- USA**





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## Partnership dismissal puts at risk more than 15 routes



1. Mexico City - Nueva York

2. Mexico City - Los Angeles

3. Mexico City - Seattle

4. Guadalajara - Salt Lake City

5. Mexico City - Boston

6. Mérida - Atlanta

7. Guadalajara - Atlanta

8. Monterrey - Atlanta

9. Monterrey - Nueva York

10.Monterrey - Detroit

11. Guanajuato – Atlanta

12.Guadalajara - Detroit

13. Bajío – Atlanta

14. Mexico City - Raleigh - Durham

15. Mexico City – Salt Lake City

16. Mexico City – Logan

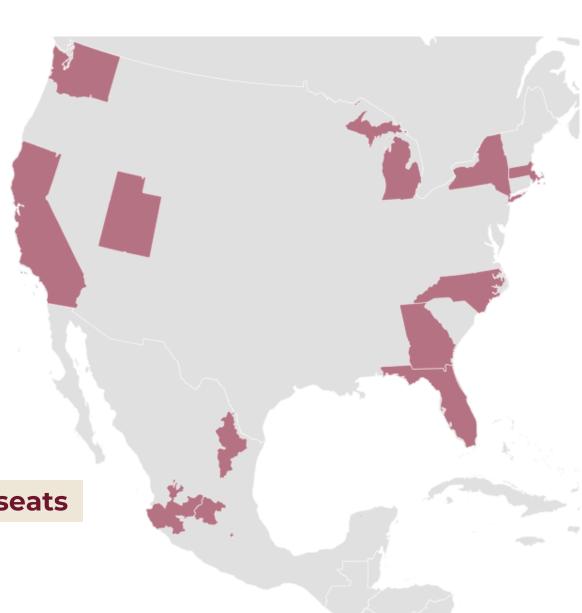
17. Mexico City –Tampa

18. Mexico City – Washington Dulles

\* Most non-stop flights operated by Aeroméxico







# **Effects of the Partnership dismissal on the market**

Airline	Market %	Airline	Market %
Aeroméxico	11.5%	Volaris	14.1%
Volaris	9.9%	Aeroméxico	7.8%
Interjet	4.6%	Viva Aerobus	4.9%
Aeroméxico Connect	2.1%	Aeroméxico Connect	1.1%
Vivaaerobus	0.2%		0%
Aeromar	0.1%	Aeromar	
Subtotal (Mexico)	28%	Subtotal (Mexico)	28%
American Airlines	16.7%	American Airlines	19.9%
United Airlines	15.5%	United Airlines	14.6%
Delta Airlines	10.5%	Delta Airlines	11%
Southwest Airlines	5.9%	Southwest Airlines	6.5%
Alaska Airlines	5.6%	Alaska Airlines	5.5%
Mesa Airlines	3.3%		
JetBlue Airways	2.7%	JetBlue Airways	3.7%
SkyWest Airlines	2.4%	Spirit Airlines	3.4%
Frontier Airlines	1.8%	Frontier Airlines	3.3%
ExpressJet	1.7%	Mesa Airlines	1.5%
Spirit Airlines	1.6% 1.4%	Sun Country Airlines	1%
US Airways Sun Country	1.1%	Envoy Air	1%
Envoy Air	0.9%	SkyWest Airlines	0.7%
Virgin America	0.6%	Subtotal (USA)	72%
Subtotal (USA)	72%	Subtotal (USA)	7270
Total		Total	
Aeroméxico	14%	Aeroméxico	9%
Aeroméxico – Delta	24%	Aeroméxico – Delta	20%

# **Findings**



01

The renewal of the ATI is independent from the Air Transport Agreement

02

The Air Transport Agreement has not been violated nor ignored

03

The Partnership has not risked competition, nor slowed down the growth of competitors. Dissolving the Partnership would negatively impact passengers by reducing the market supply by 1.5 million seats annually

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Full IATA Compliance (Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines)

