

# Despacho Previo



Despacho Previo is a process that was developed for clearing southbound rail shipments into Mexico to reduce congestion and interchange delays at the border.

Despacho Previo allows for the interchange of run-through trains rather than individual cars – expediting southbound shipments. The process applies to all car types, with the exception of intermodal equipment.

## THE PROCESS



- U.S. Freight forwarder collects:
- Waybill documents from the U.S. shipper and Mexican receiver
  - Despacho previo notice from UP's International Customer Service Center (ICSC)



- Freight forwarder sends clearance documents to Mexican broker
- Mexican broker creates, pays and delivers pedimento (Customs declaration form)



- Mexican broker forwards pedimento Mexican Customs
- Mexican Customs notifies Mexican railroad and U.S. freight forwarder that shipment is cleared for border crossing



- Freight forwarder sends notice to the ICSC that clearance has been approved
- ICSC coordinates release of car with UP
- UP interchanges with Mexican railroad at the border

## CUSTOMER BENEFITS



7-day per week border crossing



More consistent service supports just-in-time inventory



Less risk of loss and damage



More cost-efficient gateways