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**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation


Office of Inspector General

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Subject: INFORMATION: Notification of Follow-up  
Audit of the Implementation of the North  
American Free Trade Agreement's (NAFTA)  
Cross-Border Trucking Provisions  
Project Number: 03I3004I000

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From:

  
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Reply to  
Attn of: JA-30

To: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator

We are initiating a follow-up audit of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) implementation of NAFTA's cross-border trucking provisions. This audit is being performed in response to Public Law 107-87, Section 350, of the Fiscal Year 2002 Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (the Act). The Act directed the OIG to conduct a comprehensive audit of border operations within 180 days of the Act's passage and to conduct a second audit within 180 days after completing the first audit. We completed our first audit and issued the final report on June 25, 2002.

In accordance with the Act, we will use the eight requirements in Section 350 (c)(1)(A) through (c)(1)(H) as criteria for verification during this audit. As we did in our first audit, we will verify whether FMCSA has staff, facilities, equipment, and procedures in place to implement the basic requirements of the Act. We will also determine how effectively the resources are being used and whether procedures are implemented as planned.

This follow-up audit will be conducted primarily at FMCSA headquarters; the border States of Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas; Mexican motor carriers; and other selected field locations. We plan to start the audit immediately.

If I can answer any questions or be of further assistance, please contact me at (202) 366-0687 or Program Director, Barbara Cobble, at (202) 493-0327.

cc: The Secretary  
The Deputy Secretary

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