

# FSGC Pilot Notes



## Prior to the day of departure:

Suggested that you put all required forms and flight plans in a single folder. Be sure you have the following documents organized and ready for your departure:

1. eAPIS registration, <https://eAPIS.cbp.dhs.gov/> and [www.eAPISFile.com](http://www.eAPISFile.com).
2. eAPIS Flight Plan Departure and Arrival with Confirmation Numbers.
3. Pilot's Certificate and Medical Certificate (Not Valid for Student or Sport Pilots).
4. Airworthiness Certificate and Registration (No Temp Registration).
5. Notarized letter from the registered owner giving you permission to take the plane into Mexico if you are not the person shown on the registration. If aircraft is owned by a corporation, letter should state that you are on a Flying Samaritans mission for a charitable 501(c)(3) organization. Good idea to have a copy of the letter in both English and Spanish.
6. Notarized letter for any Minors (18 years of age or younger) from BOTH Parents giving you permission to take the a Minor into Mexico – Needs BOTH Parents – even if you are one of them.
7. US Insurance showing Coverage in Mexico or Mexico Insurance policy. In order for this to be accepted, the words "Liability Insurance in Mexico" must be stated in your policy and that the limits of coverage are stated. You must take a copy of your Mexican insurance policy with you to Mexico!
8. U.S. Customs Decal, \$27.50 Purchase via website <https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/> or at Customs Office.
9. U.S. FCC Radio Station Authorization <http://wireless.fcc.gov/aviation/fctsh4.html>.
10. Passport with at least six months left before the expiration date.

## Day of departure:

The following is a Check List for the Day of Departure:

1. Passports with at least six months left before expiration date, REQUIRED for All Pilots & Passengers.
2. Multi-Entry Permit or 2 sets of Required Documents.
3. Pilot's License & Medical Certificate.
4. Registration & Airworthiness Certificate (Notarized letter from the registered owner).
5. Mexico Insurance policy.
6. Optional: Draft Copies or Completed Copies of MX Flight Plans etc.
7. Cash for Fuel and Fees with Small Bills – US \$ accepted, change (if given) will be in Pesos.
8. File both a US and Mexican eAPIS (via FS website or eAPIS Site) for Departure and Return. If you need to update eAPIS, you have to provide 1 hour notice of any change to CBP. You should re-file the eAPIS documents and wait for a confirmation of change. If it is only a Time Change for the Same Day then you can update via Flight Service – Ask them to ADVISE CUSTOMS.
9. Print out and keep with you the eAPIS confirmation # for both flights.
10. File a Flight Plan and Return Flight Plan with US Flight Service. For return flight, state "ADCUS" for return customs notification in the remarks section of your flight plan.
11. WAC Chart 22 and Baja Bush Pilots Airport Guide ([www.bushpilotsinternational.com/](http://www.bushpilotsinternational.com/)).
12. Prop Lock and Tie Downs, Extra Oil and Basic Repair Tools, Basic Survival Gear.
13. Hats, Sunscreen, Bug Spray, Sunglasses, Water, Snacks, Camera and Proper Clothing.

## Crossing ADIZ into Mexico

1. Open your US south bound flight plan.
2. Recommend that all pilots either be on an IFR flight plan in U.S. airspace or use VFR flight following. Either way, you will need an open flight plan to cross the border, no need to close flight plan upon crossing the boarder.
3. Large 'N' Numbers (12" Temporary OK).
4. Mode – C or S Transponder - Required to cross ADIZ, fly with your transponder on in Mexico.

## Multi Entry Permit

Each calendar year you are required to obtain a Multi Entry Permit (US\$100) from the Mexican Authorities. You will need to provide copies (x2) of:

- Aircraft Liability Insurance that shows your aircraft is covered for flights in Mexico.
- Air Worthiness Certificate and Aircraft Registration.
- Pilots License and Medical.
- Radio Station License.

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## Entering Mexico

1. You must enter Mexico at an Airport of Entry (AOE): Tijuana, Ensenada, Mexicali or San Felipe.
2. If you are planning on crossing the boarder later in the day, ensure that Mexican Immigration and Customs will be open at you time of arrival.
3. Aircraft may be meet by armed Mexican Army personal. They will request some basic information: aircraft registration, pilot name and certificate number, point of departure and final destination.
4. Proceed to Flight Planing desk and complete an Arrival Report and file a Mexican Flight Plan for you arriving flight and your onward flight to XPIN. Pay your landing fee (US\$8). Proceed to Commandants Office and purchase / present your multi entry permit, proof of insurance and flight plans. Proceed to immigration and present your passports, non aircrew passengers pay Entry Visa Fee good for 180 days. (\$25). Each person will receive a Tourist Card that is to be turned back in when you exit Mexico. Proceed to Custom. Gas up (3.78 L = 1 Gal) and depart for Los Pinos.

## Common Frequencies

IDENT	Center	Apch	Tower	ATIS	FSS	VOR	RWY	Length	Elv	Lat / Long
MMTJ	MZL 128.3	119.50	118.10	127.90	122.4/122.2	116.50	09/27	9711	499	N32 32.5 / W116 58.3
MMES	MZL 128.3		119.75		122.4/122.2		11/29	4892	66	N31 47.7 / W116 36.1
MMSF	MZL 128.3		118.50				13/31	5170	150	N30 56.0 / W114 49.0
MMML	MZL 128.3		118.20	127.60	122.4/122.2	115.00	10/28	8530	72	N32 37.8 / W115 14.5
XPIN	MZL 128.3		122.8			113.30	13/31	4000	49	N30 24.5 / W115 52.0
XMAG	MZL 128.3		123.2			113.30	11/29	4500	157	N30 38.0 / W115 57.3
KCXL			122.80	132.17	122.4/122.2	115.9	8/26	4683	5	N32 66.7 / W115 51.7
KSDM		124.35	128,25	132.35	122.4/122.2		8R/26L	3180	526	N32 57.2 / W116 98.0

## Departing Mexico

1. You must exit through a Mexican AOE: Tijuana, Ensenada, Mexicali, San Felipe.
2. Proceed to Flight Planing desk and complete an Arrival Report, file a Mexican Flight Plan for you arriving flight from XPIN and your onward flight to US AOE. Pay your landing fee (US\$8). Proceed to Commandants Office and present you multi entry permit and flight plans. Proceed to Immigration and present your passports, surrender you Tourist Cards and non aircrew passengers pay Exit Fee (\$5).
3. If necessary, present letter stating you are on a Flying Samaritans mission for a charitable 501(c)(3) organization.

## Crossing the US ADIZ

1. You must enter the USA at an Airport Of Entry (AOE): San Diego Brown Field or Calexico.
2. FSS San Diego Radio 800-992-7433 / 800- 439-4322 / From Mexico 001-858-277-3493
3. US Customs San Diego Brown Filed 619-661-3294 / Calexico 760-357-1208
4. If necessary amend you US flight plan before departure to arrive at you ADIZ crossing on time.
5. Open your return US flight plan with San Diego Radio FSS before crossing the US ADIZ.
6. Do not arrive before your ETA. If you will not arrive within 15 minutes of your ETA, update flight plan with FSS. The "ADCUS" in your flight plan remarks section is the request for then to call Customs for you.
7. Upon landing taxi to US Customs and stay with you aircraft until meet by CBP Officer. Have you Customs Decal affixed to your aircraft and visible to the CBP Officer.
8. Close you International Flight Plan.

Air to Air 122.75      Air to Ground 122.8      Emergency 121.5 SQ 7700      Lost Com SQ 7600