

# *Fuel thefts force Mexico to increase gasoline imports*

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Mexico City, July 7, (RHC), – Authorities in Mexico say the country has been forced to increase its gasoline imports by an “unprecedented” level as a result of shortages caused by a rise in fuel thefts.

On Monday, the state-run Mexican oil giant Pemex said the move was necessary to make up for shortages in a number of states across the country including Aguascalientes, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Jalisco, Nuevo Leon and Zacatecas.

Fuentes further said that “an exponential increase of illegal taps in recent years” had led to the current situation. Drug cartels in the country have been stealing billions of dollars worth of fuel from gasoline pipelines.

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