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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN LEAD MATRIX

| COUNTRY | CURRENT STATUS | | | COMMENT |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|---|
| | Leaded only | Unleaded only | Dual system | |
| Anguilla | | X | | Unleaded as of 1998 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | X | | |
| Argentina | | X | | |
| Aruba | | X | | Unleaded as of 1997 |
| Bahamas | | X | | |
| Barbados | | X | | Started phasing out in 1992; fully phased out by 2004 |
| Belize | | X | | Unleaded as of 2001 |
| Bermuda | | X | | |
| Bolivia | | X | | |
| Brazil | | X | | 100% unleaded as of 1997 |
| Cayman Islands (BVI) | | X | | Unleaded as of 1999 |
| Chile | | X | | Unleaded introduced in 1992; now fully unleaded |
| Colombia | | X | | Unleaded introduced in 1994; now fully unleaded |
| Costa Rica | | X | | Banned leaded petrol in 1996 |
| Cuba | | X | | Phased-out as of end 2005. 28 tons of TEL left in need of safe containment. |
| Dominica | | X | | |
| Dominican Republic | | X | | |
| Ecuador | | X | | |
| El Salvador | | X | | Unleaded introduced in 1996; fully phased out within one year |
| French Guiana | | | | Little or no information |
| Grenada | | X | | |
| Guatemala | | X | | Unleaded as of 1997 |
| Guyana | | X | | Banned leaded petrol in January 1999 |
| Haiti | | X | | Banned leaded petrol in 1998 |
| Honduras | | X | | Unleaded introduced in 1993; now fully unleaded |
| Jamaica | | X | | Unleaded as of April 2000 |
| Mexico | | X | | Unleaded introduced in 1991; there are two high quality unleaded fuels. The regular unleaded has an octane rating of 89 and the premium unleaded has an octane rating of 95. Phased |

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| | | | | out beginning in 1991 according to SEMARNAT. |
| Montserrat | | | | Waiting for information |
| Nicaragua | | x | | Leaded petrol not produced since 1995 |
| Panama | | x | | Leaded petrol banned in 2002 |
| Paraguay | | x | | |
| Peru | | x | | Phase-out completed December 2004, according to ARPEL. |
| Puerto Rico | | x | | Unleaded as of 1999 |
| | | x | | |
| St Kitts and Nevis | | x | | Unleaded as of 1998 |
| Saint Lucia | | x | | Unleaded as of August 2000 |
| St Vincent and the Grenadines | | x | | |
| Suriname | | x | | Unleaded as of 2001 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | x | | Unleaded introduced in late 2003; full phase-out completed in mid-2004 |
| Turks and Caicos Islands | | x | | |
| Uruguay | | x | | Phased out as of 2003, according to ARPEL. |
| Venezuela | | x | | Unleaded introduced in 1999; introduction of ethanol as additive substitute for TEL begun in August 2005, with complete phaseout by end 2005. |
| Virgin Islands | | x | | Unleaded as of 1998 |
| Total: 42 countries | | 41 | | |

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