



## VIVA AEROBUS INFORMS ON THE FAA DECISION TO DOWNGRADE MEXICO TO CATEGORY 2

**Mexico City, May 25, 2021.**– After the audit carried out in accordance with its International Aviation Safety Assessment Program (IASA), the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States (FAA) decided to downgrade Mexi-co's safety rating to Category 2. Regarding this decision, Viva Aerobus is confident that the country will recover Category 1 as soon as possible thanks to the commitment and the technical and operational efforts that the Mexican Federal Government, the Ministry of Communications and Transportation (SCT), and the Federal Civil Aviation Agency (AFAC) have implemented to strengthen safety and ensure the continuance of regular operations in the sector within the criteria defined by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the specific requirements of the competent US authorities.

Viva Aerobus recognizes the hard work in responding to the 28 observations made by the FAA, that, according to the AFAC, have been fully addressed, highlighting the engagement of qualified personnel, the recent reform of Mexico's civil aviation law, and the significant progress achieved on the training program supported by Viva Aerobus, other important national carriers, and international organizations. The progress made on this training program (according to the agreed schedule) is paramount for Mexico to recover Category 1.

This resolution addresses a matter strictly related to the audit program carried out by the FAA to the aeronautical regulatory authorities of other countries, in this case, Mexico's AFAC. This is not an assessment of Mexican carriers.

Viva Aerobus safety profile and commitment remains unchanged with full compliance to all safety & security measures and best-in class safety initiatives and technology.

Additionally, Viva Aerobus reaffirms its commitment of working with all key players of the aeronautical industry, to help strengthen AFAC's position as the Mexican industry regulator, by sharing its knowledge, infrastructure, and technology, to regain Mexico's safety rating to Category 1.

Regarding the airline's route network in the U.S., Viva Aerobus informs that there will be no impact in its existing routes, which represent 14% of its total operating volume, thus there will be no change in current travelers' flight plans. Viva Aerobus operates over 20 routes to the U.S., flying to Chicago, Dallas Fort Worth, Harlingen, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, New York (JFK), San Antonio, among others. In addition, Viva Aerobus will strictly follow its growth strategy, which is mainly oriented to the domestic market.

Since its inception in 2006, Viva Aerobus' top priority has been the safety of its passengers and staff; and today it reaffirms its operation under our mission that has distinguished and guided it for almost 15 years: Always Safe, Always Reliable and Always Low Fares.

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## About Viva Aerobus

Viva Aerobus is Mexico's ultra-low-cost airline. It started operations in 2006 and today it operates the youngest Latin American fleet with 45 Airbus A320: 40 Airbus A320 and 5 Airbus A321. With a clear vision to give all people the opportunity to fly, Viva Aerobus has democratized the airline industry with the lowest rates in México and the lowest costs in Latin America, making their flights the best value offer. For more information please visit: [www.vivaerobus.com/en](http://www.vivaerobus.com/en)