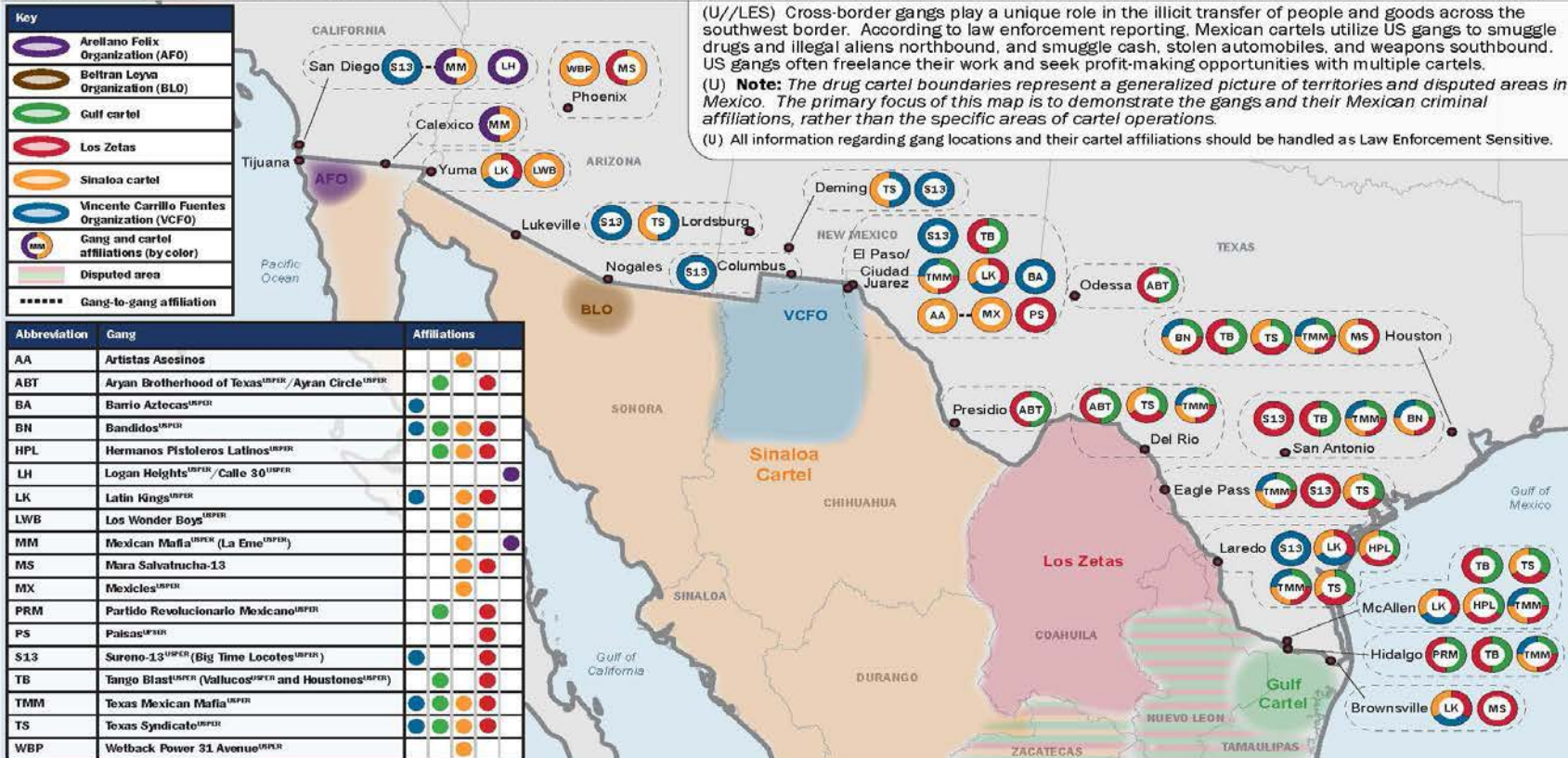




(U//FOUO) Mexico: Cross-Border Gangs and their Mexican Drug Cartel Affiliations

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(U//LES) Cross-border gangs play a unique role in the illicit transfer of people and goods across the southwest border. According to law enforcement reporting, Mexican cartels utilize US gangs to smuggle drugs and illegal aliens northbound, and smuggle cash, stolen automobiles, and weapons southbound. US gangs often freelance their work and seek profit-making opportunities with multiple cartels.

(U) **Note:** The drug cartel boundaries represent a generalized picture of territories and disputed areas in Mexico. The primary focus of this map is to demonstrate the gangs and their Mexican criminal affiliations, rather than the specific areas of cartel operations.

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