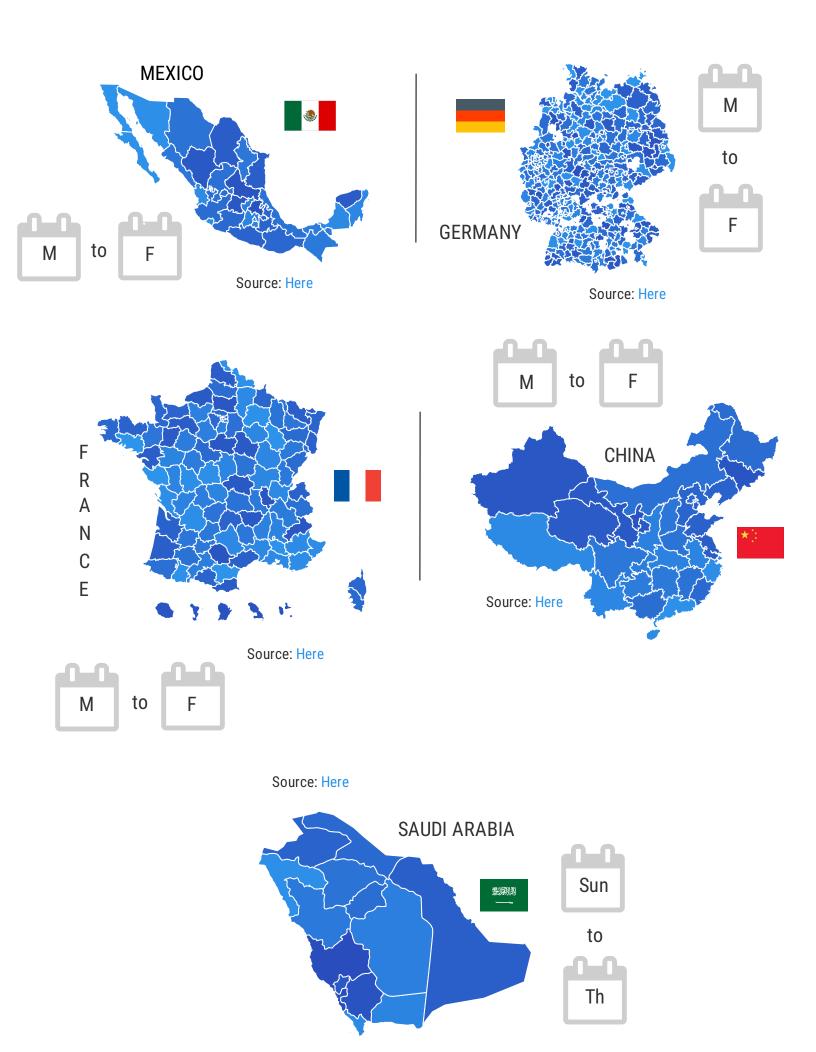
TGIF OR TGIT?

WORK WEEKS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

At the end of a stressful work week people in the U.S. often say, "TGIF (Thank God It's Friday)." In another country such as Saudi Arabia, for example, the phrase might be something equivalent to: "TGIT (Thank God It's Thursday)." That's because the Saudi Arabian work week ends on Thursday.

Customs will be different in other countries, so if you want to do business internationally, it's important to know what the boundaries of the working week and holidays are.

Here are a few examples of the working week for some of the countries the US does business with:



Being aware of the laws and customs about the work week in foreign countries is important for your success in business. It affects project schedules, deadlines, flights, meetings. It's just as important as knowing country holidays or customs such as when to shake hands, or how to address someone in a business setting. It's all part of the research you need to do if you want to have a successful business relationship with people around the world.

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