

Regulatory area to be addressed	<p>Transportation of Dangerous Goods</p> <p><i>Transport Canada and the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration will strive to more closely align their regulatory regimes for the transportation of dangerous goods, including working to align national standards and regulations; sharing data, analyses and research; and synchronising consultations with industry when feasible.</i></p>
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Department/Agency	 United States	 Canada
	U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)	Transport Canada – Transport Dangerous Goods Directorate

Work stream A	<p>Aligning national standards and regulations: Work toward mutual recognition of standards and inspections where matching equivalencies can be found to reduce duplication across the Canada-U.S. border. Discussions will take into account the respective deliberation processes, contextual considerations, and legal frameworks to arrive at recommendations.</p>
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Planned initiatives and sub-deliverables		Date
Mutual recognition of standard pressure receptacles		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a joint review of the relevant Canadian and U.S. regulations to identify potential safety impacts. 	July 01, 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a joint review of the relevant Canadian and U.S. standards and regulatory provisions to identify necessary changes. 	July 01, 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the development of regulatory recommendations and analysis of potential amendments to U.S. and Canadian regulations. 	June 01, 2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate, if appropriate, a review of possible revisions to U.S. and Canada regulations based on the findings of the reviews. 	July 01, 2016
Recognition of inspection and repairs under U.S. requirements for highway transport		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a joint review of Canadian and U.S. regulatory requirements to identify potential changes for establishing inspection equivalencies. 	July 01, 2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider, if appropriate, possible revisions to U.S. regulations based on the findings of the reviews. 	December 1, 2016

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Alignment and mutual recognition of tank truck (cargo tank) standards, including vehicles used to transport bulk explosives		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete feasibility analysis of a joint specification for fibreglass reinforced plastic (FRP) cargo tanks that would allow recognition of FRP cargo tanks in both Canada and the U.S. 	January 01, 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If feasible, initiate a review of the development of harmonised requirements for vehicles used to transport bulk explosives. 	January 01, 2018
Aligning Canadian and U.S. placarding requirements		COMPLETE (2014)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed with the recent regulatory Amendment on Safety Marks in Canada. 	July 2 nd , 2014 in Canada Gazette, Part II

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Work stream B	Sharing data, analyses and research: Advancing better information sharing as part of the regulatory decision-making process. Leveraging research resources, national strengths / specialities, joint research collaboration, and preventing duplication (where possible) to support a more aligned regulatory regime for the transport of dangerous goods in North America and internationally.
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Planned initiatives and sub-deliverables		Date
Examination of Special Permits and Approvals regimes to identify possible opportunities for further harmonisation		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a review of Canadian and U.S. requirements and frameworks to identify similarities, differences, and recommendations. 	Aug 01, 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct internal consultations and stakeholder consultations to inform options and proposals for harmonization. 	September, 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a proposal with options for harmonisation and identify levels of effort and impacts on the dangerous goods industry. 	March 01, 2016
Examination of Risk Management Framework to identify possible opportunities for further collaboration and data sharing		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Canadian and U.S. risk management framework development to identify data sharing opportunities and areas of collaboration 	April 1, 2016
Mutual recognition of conditions for One Time Movement approvals		COMPLETE (2014)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed with the regulatory Amendment on Update to Standards in Canada and introduction of the TP14877 standard. 	July 2 nd , 2014 in Canada Gazette, Part II

Work stream C

Synchronising consultations with industry when feasible: In light of the similar regulatory processes in both Canada and the U.S., working collaboratively towards the sharing and pooling of industry consultations when pursuing similar regulatory amendments. Stakeholders on both sides of the border share common concerns regarding harmonisation; this work stream works to align consultations on similar regulatory amendments and examines joint opportunities for stakeholder input.

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Jointly develop rulemaking cooperation guidelines to promote cooperation and efficiencies in early stages of the rulemaking process		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a regulatory cooperation agreement to synchronise stakeholder consultations, where possible. 	July 01, 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a regulatory cooperation agreement similar to the existing agreement between Transport Canada and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration to allow for information exchange during formal rulemaking processes. 	August 01, 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update of the Memorandum of Cooperation between PHMSA and Transport Canada with a lens to sharing data, regulatory plans, stakeholder input, and regular engagement. 	September 01, 2015