

<b>Regulatory area to be addressed</b>	<p><b>Explosives Classification</b></p> <p><i>Natural Resources Canada and the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration will work to align and promote the safe management of explosives materials including classification requirements.</i></p>
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<b>Department/Agency</b>	 United States	 Canada
	U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)	Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) – Explosives Safety and Security Branch

<b>Work stream A Classification approval criteria</b>	<p><u>Objective:</u> Work toward enhanced recognition of explosives classification assessments.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Given the globalized nature of commercial explosives being manufactured and used, stakeholders have suggested a strong collaboration on the classification of explosives matters for ensuring a mutual recognition, where possible.</p>
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Planned initiatives and sub-deliverables		Date
<b>Initiative A – Existing equivalency</b>		<b>2015 to 2017</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify areas where review and classification processes are equivalent</li> </ul>	February 2015 - December 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify methods to share data to simplify and streamline the classification process in those areas</li> </ul>	December 2015 - June 2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify potential agency actions to further enhance recognition</li> </ul>	June 2016 – June 2017

<b>Work stream B Harmonization</b>	<p><u>Objective:</u> Work toward reducing variances in explosives classification.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> The legislative systems differ between both countries, leading to varying regulatory approaches and requirements. By acting together, both countries may address individual national interests while achieving shared goals of greater safety and security.</p>
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<b>Initiative A - Explosives classification</b>		<b>2015 to 2017</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify areas where testing and evaluation methodologies are different</li> </ul>	February 2015 – June 2015

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop mechanisms to enhance the alignment and promote consistent results in the analysis of classification tests</li> </ul>	June 2015 – June 2016
<b>Initiative B – Other issues affecting reciprocity</b>		<b>2015 onwards</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify areas where other regulatory requirements related to explosives classification are different</li> </ul>	December 2015 – December 2016

<p><b>Work stream C</b></p> <p><b>Issues identified internally and by stakeholders</b></p>	<p><u>Objective:</u> Maintain an on-going dialogue among NRCan, PHMSA and stakeholders for ensuring, where possible, reduction of unnecessary costs on businesses associated with different regulatory systems.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Internal review and stakeholders input has identified areas where regulatory variances have led to a different explosive classification having an impact on their operations where they might benefit from enhanced recognition.</p>
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<b>Initiative A – Establish an ongoing working group between NRCan and PHMSA to identify and address issues and enhance stakeholder engagement</b>		<b>2015</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish working group</li> </ul>	June 2015
<b>Initiative B – Review of issues identified internally and by stakeholders</b>		<b>2015 onwards</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review currently identified issues including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classification of ammonium nitrate emulsions</li> <li>1.4S items subject to the 6D test (review of list)</li> <li>1.4 other than S classification criteria</li> <li>Jet perforating gun classification criteria</li> <li>Small Arms Ammunition</li> <li>Analogy (use and application)</li> <li>Exclusion from Class 1: Substances and Articles (Default to Class 9 or other Class)</li> <li>Rocket Motor classification (default vs. testing)</li> <li>Shaped charges classification (analogy vs. testing)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	June 2015 – June 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review newly identified issues</li> </ul>	February 2015 – onwards