

TASK FORCE ON TRUCKING HARMONIZATION

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Presented to:

Task Force on Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Policy

Objective

1. To provide a progress update on the work of the Task Force.

Background

- Despite significant advancements towards harmonizing trucking standards across Canada, the trucking industry has continued to express concerns about regulatory differences among between provinces including during Transportation 2030 consultations.
- As a result, in September 2016, the Transportation Ministers agreed to establish a new federal/provincial/territorial task force to study interprovincial truck-related regulations.
- The Task Force was formed in January 2017 and is co-chaired by Transport Canada and Saskatchewan, with representation from all provinces and territories.

Mandate

- To investigate whether more can be done to improve the efficiency of the trucking industry and identify areas that would benefit from increased harmonization.

Terms of Reference – Work Plan

- The Task Force will take a strategic approach to interprovincial trade by truck and conduct its work in three phases:
 - **Phase 1** will identify key issues that are perceived to be irritants or barriers to the trucking industry.
 - This phase also includes stakeholder consultations
 - Planned completion - Spring 2018 meeting of the Council of Deputy Ministers
 - **Phase 2** will examine the root cause of each issue and identify potential solutions.
 - Planned Completion – Fall 2018 meeting of the Council of Ministers
 - **Phase 3** will further analyze potential solutions and assess the likelihood of harmonization success for each issue, in the short- and the long-term.
 - The final report will include identification of barriers/irritants to the interprovincial movement of trucks and recommended actions, if any, to address them, which can be dealt with in the short or long-term.
 - Planned Completion – Fall 2019 meeting of the Council of Ministers

Progress Update:

- Since its formation, the Task Force has been meeting biweekly. All jurisdictions are working cooperatively and sharing the workload.
- The Task Force is currently compiling an inventory of trucking harmonization issues (Phase 1) and:
 - In the process of compiling the results from the literature review of relevant reports.
 - Have reached out to key stakeholders and associations to seek their input. (December 15, 2017)
 - Created an online survey for industry stakeholders to provide their input.

Industry's Roll

■ *What is Industry's roll in this process?*

- Complete the survey
- Identify barriers/irritants that affect your business and processes
- Work with the task force to identify possible solutions

■ Stakeholder Survey Links:

- *English link:* <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BarriersInterProvincialTrucking>
- *French link:* <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ObstaclesOpInterproIndustrieCamionnage>