

## Task Force on VWD Policy

Meeting Wednesday, December 3, 2003

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Regence B Ballroom  
Delta Centre-Ville Hotel,  
777 University St., Montreal

### Draft Agenda

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- 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 2. Round-Table Introductions & Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Vehicle Weight and Dimension Regulations in Canada - Update on Issues and Developments**
  - a. National MOU on Vehicle Weights and Dimensions
    - i. Status of outstanding recommendations (1997)
    - ii. Performance criteria
  - b. Provincial/Territorial Developments - Round table reports by jurisdiction
    - i. Presentation on Ontario weight reform project
  - c. Industry perspectives and issues
    - i. National harmonization issues and priorities
- 4. Weight Limits on Single Tires**
  - a. Impacts of different tire types on infrastructure
    - i. Review of research findings
  - b. Implications for national standards
- 5. Tridem Drive Tractors**
  - a. Presentation on research and operational experience (FERIC)
  - b. Implications for national standards
    - i. Wheelbase limits
    - ii. Steering axle weight limits
- 6. Quad Axle Semitrailers**
  - a. Current status and experience
  - b. Self steering axles
  - c. Implications for national standards
- 7. Lifiable Axles**
  - a. Review of current policies and practices across Canada
  - b. Presentation on new designs and technologies
  - c. Implications for national standards
- 8. Trailer Wheelbase Limits**
  - a. Review of current policies and practices across Canada
  - b. Discussion - operational consequences of current limits
- 9. Other Issues**
  - a. Longer Combination Vehicles
  - b. Box length limit on B Trains
  - c. North American Cargo Securement Standard
- 10. Other Business**
- 11. Adjournment**

## **Reference Documents:**

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1. [Heavy Truck Weight and Dimensions Limits for Interprovincial Operations in Canada - Summary Information \(1997 MOU\)](#)
2. [Recommended Regulatory Principles for Interprovincial Heavy Vehicle Weights and Dimensions \(1987\)](#)
3. [Status of Recommendations for Changes to MOU Standards 1997](#)
4. [Research Report](#) - University of Laval: Characterization and Evaluation of Tire-Roadway Interface Stresses
5. [Research Report](#) - Ontario Ministry of Transportation: Use of New Technology Single Wide-Base Tires: Impact on Pavements
6. [Research Report](#) - National Research Council: Performance of Infrastructure Friendly Vehicles