

**REGULATORY RECONCILIATION AND COOPERATION TABLE**  
**WORK PLAN #3 (2020-2021)**  
**Revised: September 11, 2020**

This 33-item work plan was developed pursuant to Annex 404 (para. 8) of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA).

**Overview of RCT Work to Date:**

- Ten Reconciliation Agreements, covering 13 of the 29 items from the 2019-20 RCT Work Plan, have been completed. They are:
  - Occupational Health and Safety:
    - First Aid Kits (Item 1a)
    - Hearing Protection (Item 2)
    - Personal Flotation Devices (Item 4)
    - Head, Foot and Eye Protection (Item 5)
  - Transport: Wide-base Single Tires) (Item 8)
  - Standards and Codes: Construction Codes (Item 12)
  - Technical Safety: CRN for Pressure Vessels (Item 13)
  - Standards and Codes: Energy Efficiency Standards for Household Appliances (Item 14)
  - Agriculture / Agri-Food / Aquaculture: Aquaculture Site marking (Item 17)
  - Agriculture / Agri-Food / Aquaculture: Aquaculture Organic Labelling (Item 18)
  - Agriculture / Agri-Food / Aquaculture: Grade Inspection for Produce (Item 19)
  - Regulatory Requirements: Corporate Registry (Item 22)
  - Textiles / Upholstery: Upholstered and Stuffed Articles (Item 24)
  
- The following four items were added to the 2020-2021 RCT Work Plan:
  - Regulatory Reconciliation
    - Energy Using and Saving Products (Item 26)
    - Personal Protective Equipment (Item 27)
    - Canadian Electrical Codes (Item 28)
  - Regulatory Cooperation
    - Building Officials/Inspectors Certification/Licensing (Item 4)

- The following four items from the 2020-2021 RCT Work Plan have been deferred:
  - Occupational Health and Safety: Occupational Health and Safety Management System (Item 7)
  - Transport: Size and Weight Restrictions (Except Spring Weight Restrictions) (Item 10)
  - Construction: Construction Labour (hiring priority system) (Item 20)
  - Drug Scheduling Requirements: Drug Scheduling (Item 21)

## COMPLETED RECONCILIATION AGREEMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

THEMES	TOPICS	STATUS / IMPLEMENTATION
<i>Occupational Health and Safety</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Aid Kits (Item 1a)</li> <li>• Hearing Protection (Item 2)</li> <li>• Personal Flotation Devices (Item 4)</li> <li>• Head, Foot and Eye Protection (Item 5)</li> </ul> <p>Common standards have been agreed to for first aid kit contents, eye, face, head, foot, and hearing protection and personal flotation devices. When implemented, businesses operating across multiple jurisdictions will no longer bear the time and expense of navigating different requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsement:</b> All RCT representatives from Participating Parties have endorsed.</li> <li>• <b>Signing:</b> All Participating Parties have signed.</li> <li>• <b>Publication:</b> Summary of Agreement and Agreement with consolidated signatures have been posted on the RCT website.</li> <li>• <b>Implementation:</b> A majority of jurisdictions have completed work for the first aid kit standard with those outstanding awaiting regulatory change. Almost all jurisdictions have completed their implementation work in the other areas. Completing this implementation remains a challenge as COVID-19 has become a priority for all OHS jurisdictions with many playing a lead role in supporting Medical Officers of Health.</li> </ul>
<i>Transport</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wide Base Single (WBS) Tires (Item 8)</li> </ul> <p>Weights for wide-base and dual tires will be aligned within jurisdictions to make the use of the tires more practical for the transportation sector.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsement:</b> All RCT representatives from Participating Parties have endorsed.</li> <li>• <b>Signing:</b> All Participating Parties have signed the Agreement.</li> <li>• <b>Publication:</b> Summary of Agreement and Agreement have been posted on the RCT website.</li> <li>• <b>Implementation:</b> All jurisdictions now have measures in place to allow WBS tires at weight limit parity.</li> </ul>
<i>Standards and Codes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction Codes (Item 12)</li> </ul> <p>Jurisdictions will identify, reduce or eliminate existing variations between their construction codes and the National Codes by 2025, and minimize new variations in the future. A transformed national code development system will underpin these regulatory alignment efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsement:</b> All RCT representatives from Participating Parties have endorsed.</li> <li>• <b>Signing:</b> Signature process by Participating Parties is underway since July 10, 2020. BC, CA, NS, ON, and SK have submitted their signatures.</li> <li>• <b>Publication:</b> Summary of Agreement is under development.</li> <li>• <b>Implementation:</b> Work is progressing towards identifying variances to the construction codes.</li> </ul>

<p><i>Standards and Codes</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRN for Pressure Equipment (Item 13) Mutual recognition for the review of pressure vessel equipment design will remove the requirement for redundant and expensive reviews by participating Parties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsement:</b> All RCT representatives from Participating Parties have endorsed.</li> <li>• <b>Signing:</b> Four Parties have not yet signed: AB, NU, NL, and NB. NU noted that they are still working towards signature of the agreement. AB, NL, and NB have proposed amendments to the Agreement. If these are accepted, AB, NL, and NB are expected to provide their signature.</li> <li>• <b>Publication:</b> Summary of Agreement and Agreement without signatures has been posted on the RCT website.</li> <li>• <b>Implementation:</b> The Agreement took effect on January 2, 2020.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Standards and Codes</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Efficiency Standards for Household Appliances (Item 14) Participating Parties have agreed to align their respective regulations by reconciling differences, which will provide consumers and industry with certainty and clarity, over the long term, regarding the energy efficiency rules for household appliances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsement:</b> All RCT representatives from Participating Parties have endorsed.</li> <li>• <b>Signing:</b> Signature process by Participating Parties is underway since July 23, 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Publication:</b> Summary of Agreement has been posted on the RCT website.</li> <li>• <b>Implementation:</b> The obligations to achieve reconciliation will be implemented expeditiously by Participating Parties in accordance with each jurisdiction's respective regulatory processes.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Agriculture / Agri-Food / Aquaculture</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquaculture Site Marking (Item 17) Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia will align their site marking requirements with the federal requirements, which will reduce the variance between, and duplication of, regulations and procedures and make compliance easier for aquaculturists in those provinces.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsement:</b> All RCT representatives from Participating Parties have endorsed the Agreement.</li> <li>• <b>Signing:</b> Participating Parties are in the process of seeking approvals for signature.</li> <li>• <b>Publication:</b> Summary of Agreement has been posted on the RCT website.</li> <li>• <b>Implementation:</b> Implementation is expected to be complete by March 31, 2022.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Agriculture / Agri-Food / Aquaculture</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquaculture Organic Labeling (Item 18) The Safe Food for Canadians regulations broadens the scope of products that may be labelled as organic.</li> <li>• Grade Inspection for Produce (Item 19) The Safe Food for Canadians regulations eliminates requirements for quality inspections for blueberries and requirements related to inspections for grade for apples and potatoes prior to conveyance from one province to another.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsement:</b> RCT representative from the Participating Party has endorsed.</li> <li>• <b>Signing:</b> Participating Party has signed.</li> <li>• <b>Publication:</b> Agreements with signatures have been posted on the CFTA website</li> <li>• <b>Implementation:</b> Complete. The coming into force of the federal <i>Safe Food for Canadians Act</i> (January 15, 2019) and its regulations has effectively removed the restrictions in place that prohibited the ability of producers to market aquaculture products as organic, and eliminated the inspection requirements for apples, blueberries, and potatoes.</li> </ul>

<p><i>Regulatory Requirements</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Corporate Registry (Item 22)</b> Participating Parties will reconcile differences in corporate registration and reporting requirements between jurisdictions to alleviate the burden placed on businesses seeking to expand their operations across the country. This includes a commitment to develop and implement the Multi-jurisdictional Registry Access Service (the “MRAS”), which is a scalable and adaptable digital solution that enables information to be shared among jurisdictions through a central hub. Through a search function, MRAS also increases access to core business information to enable suppliers, buyers, creditors, consumers and other members of the public and private sector to verify and identify businesses in Canada.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsement:</b> All RCT representatives from Participating Parties have endorsed.</li> <li>• <b>Signing:</b> Signature process by Participating Parties is underway since July 31, 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Publication:</b> Summary of Agreement has been posted on the RCT website.</li> <li>• <b>Implementation:</b> BC, AB, SK and MB have implemented MRAS as of June 27, 2020. CA and QC are expected to join in by the end of 2020 with ON following in the next year or so and the remaining jurisdictions thereafter.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Textiles / Upholstery</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Upholstered and Stuffed Articles (Item 24)</b> Participating Parties aim to eliminate red tape and reconcile regulatory measures that act as a barrier to the trade of upholstered and stuffed articles within Canada.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsement:</b> All RCT representatives from Participating Parties have endorsed.</li> <li>• <b>Signing:</b> Signature process by Participating Parties is underway since July 21, 2020. ON and CA have submitted their signatures.</li> <li>• <b>Publication:</b> Summary of Agreement has been posted on the RCT website.</li> <li>• <b>Implementation:</b> Implementation will begin after the Agreement has been signed by all Parties.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GENERAL NOTES:</b></p> <p>1. Completed Reconciliation agreements means agreements are substantially complete. They may be in various stages of implementation, including RCT endorsement, Party signatures and working group implementation.</p>		

**SUMMARY OF 2020 – 2021 WORK PLAN:  
REGULATORY MEASURES FOR RECONCILIATION AND FUTURE REGULATORY COOPERATION**

For more detailed information, see Annex 1

**Items for Regulatory Reconciliation**

<b>THEMES</b>	<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>TIMING OF RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT</b>
<i>Occupational Health and Safety</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workplace First Aid Training (Item 1b)</li> <li>• Fall Protection (Item 3)</li> <li>• Occupational Exposure Limits (Item 6)</li> <li>• Occupational Health and Safety Management System (Item 7)</li> <li>• Personal Protective Equipment (Item 27)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Term (by December 31, 2021)</li> <li>• Short Term (by December 31, 2020)</li> <li>• Medium Term (by December 31, 2022)</li> <li>• Deferred</li> <li>• Short Term (By December 31, 2021)</li> </ul>
<i>Transport</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Weight Restrictions (Trans-Canada Highway) (Item 9)</li> <li>• Size and Weight Restrictions (excepting Spring Weight Restrictions) (Item 10)</li> <li>• Electronic Logging Devices (Item 11)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Term (by December 31, 2021)</li> <li>• Deferred</li> <li>• Medium Term (by December 31, 2022)</li> </ul>
<i>Standards and Codes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Using and Saving Products (Item 26)</li> <li>• Canadian Electrical Codes (Item 28)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long Term (by December 31, 2023)</li> <li>• Long Term (by December 31, 2023)</li> </ul>
<i>Agriculture / Agri-Food / Aquaculture</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Inspection (Item 15)</li> <li>• Meat Inspection (Item 16)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Term (by December 31, 2021)</li> <li>• Short Term (by December 31, 2021)</li> </ul>
<i>Construction</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction labour (hiring priority system) (Item 20)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred</li> </ul>
<i>Drug Scheduling Requirements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Scheduling (Item 21)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred</li> </ul>
<i>Registration Requirements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workers' Compensation Board (Item 23)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Term (by December 31, 2021)</li> </ul>
<i>Technical Safety / Labour Mobility</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gasfitter/Gas Technician Licensing/Certification (Item 25)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Term (by December 31, 2021)</li> </ul>

**Items for Future Regulatory Cooperation**

<b>THEMES</b>	<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>TIMING OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT</b>
<i>Transport</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truck Driver Certification - Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) for Commercial Drivers (Item 1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short Term (by December 31, 2021)</li> </ul>
<i>Transport</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testing of Automated and Connected Vehicles (AV/CVs) (Item 2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short Term (by December 31, 2021)</li> </ul>
<i>Construction</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Builders' Lien – Prompt Payment Legislation and associated regulations (Item 3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium Term (by December 31, 2022)</li> </ul>
<i>Technical Safety / Labour Mobility</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building Officials/Inspectors Certification/Licensing (Item 4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short Term (by December 31, 2021)</li> </ul>

**GENERAL NOTES:**

- For regulatory reconciliation items, the desired outcome is to achieve regulatory reconciliation among the Parties.
- The RCT will support existing forums or create new ones for regulatory cooperation items identified in the work plan. The items are not intended to remain on the work plan indefinitely. Where it becomes evident that a reconciliation or cooperation agreement is not achievable within a reasonable timeframe, the RCT may remove such an item from the work plan.

**Annex 1:  
2020 – 2021 RCT Work Plan  
(Regulatory measures to be reconciled and measures for regulatory cooperation)**

**GENERAL NOTES:**

1. For regulatory reconciliation items, the desired outcome is to achieve regulatory reconciliation among the Parties.
2. The RCT will support existing forums or create new ones for regulatory cooperation items identified in the work plan. The items are not intended to remain on the work plan indefinitely. Where it becomes evident that a reconciliation or cooperation agreement is not achievable within a reasonable timeframe, the RCT may remove such an item from the work plan.

**Items for Regulatory Reconciliation**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>THEME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TARGETED TIMING for Reconciliation Agreement (SHORT, MEDIUM, OR LONG TERM)</b>
1a	Occupational Health and Safety	First Aid Kits	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
1b	Occupational Health and Safety	Workplace First Aid Training	Presently in Canada, jurisdictions have their own rules in place for First Aid course content, duration, and types of courses.	<b>Short Term</b> By December 31, 2021
2	Occupational Health and Safety	Hearing Protection	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
3	Occupational Health and Safety	Fall Protection	All provincial governments require businesses to provide their workers with fall protection equipment, but the type of equipment varies from one province to the next.	<b>Short Term</b> By December 31, 2020
4	Occupational Health and Safety	Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
5	Occupational Health and Safety	Head Foot and Eye Protection	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
6	Occupational Health and Safety	Occupational Exposure Limits	Businesses operating in or desiring to expand into other jurisdictions in Canada must comply with differing federal, provincial, and territorial OSH regulations. Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) for chemicals vary across Canada.	<b>Medium Term</b> By December 31, 2022



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7	Occupational Health and Safety	<b>Occupational Health and Safety Management System</b>	An Occupational Health and Safety Management System is a process put in place by an employer to minimize the risk of injury and illness. Currently no Canadian jurisdiction requires the use of occupational health and safety management systems in legislation or regulation and there are no known plans for doing so, but a number of provinces do encourage the use of such systems by providing benefits for businesses.	<b>Deferred</b>
8	Transport	<b>Wide Base Single (WBS) Tires</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
9	Transport	<b>Spring Weight Restrictions (Trans-Canada Highway)</b>	Differing spring weight regulations require transport trucks, which are distributing goods across provincial boundaries on the Trans-Canada Highway, to abide by the lowest weight restriction.	<b>Short Term</b> By December 31, 2021
10	Transport	<b>Size and Weight Restrictions (excepting Spring Weight Restrictions)</b>	Trucking businesses have to contend with different trucking rules, depending on whether they are travelling inter-provincially or intra-provincially. Each province and territory is responsible for regulating the size and weights of trucks allowed on their highway systems.	<b>Deferred</b>
11	Transport	<b>Electronic Logging Devices</b>	In Canada, electronic logging devices (ELDs) are not currently mandated for use in the trucking industry to track the consecutive hours of service (HOS) on the road; they are mandatory in the United States, affecting Canadian trucking companies. In December 2017 Transport Canada proposed changes to the Federal <i>Commercial Vehicle Driver's Hours of Service (HOS) Regulations</i> , including the mandated use of ELDs for interprovincial travel. As provinces and territories consider mandating for intraprovincial travel, a consistent in approach will enable more accurate monitoring of a driver's HOS, enhance road safety, and provide a level and competitive playing field for all carriers.	<b>Medium Term</b> By December 31, 2022
12	Standards and Codes	<b>Construction Codes</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
13	Standards and Codes	<b>CRN for Pressure Equipment</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
14	Standards and Codes	<b>Energy Efficiency Standards for Household Appliances</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
15	Agriculture / Agri-Food / Aquaculture	<b>Food Inspection</b>	Food sold within a province or territory must comply with that province or territory's food safety and inspection rules. Once it crosses borders, it falls within the jurisdiction of the new province/territory, as well as applicable federal legislation. To trade interprovincially, businesses must meet all the applicable federal requirements to get a federal registration.	<b>Short Term</b> By December 31, 2021

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16	<i>Agriculture / Agri-Food / Aquaculture</i>	<b>Meat Inspection</b>	Only meat processed in federally registered abattoirs can be exported inter-provincially. Meeting the requirements for federal registration is currently costly and time consuming, and there are no provisions for exemptions based on regulatory system recognition.	<b>Short Term</b> By December 31, 2021
17	<i>Agriculture / Agri-Food / Aquaculture</i>	<b>Aquaculture Site Marking</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
18	<i>Agriculture / Agri-Food / Aquaculture</i>	<b>Aquaculture Organic Labeling</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
19	<i>Agriculture / Agri-Food / Aquaculture</i>	<b>Grade Inspection for Produce</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
20	<i>Construction</i>	<b>Construction Labour (hiring priority system)</b>	In general, in Québec, an employer must give priority to hiring workers residing in the region where the construction site is located before using workers from other regions. The province is divided into 11 regions (zones) (including Nunavik).	<b>Deferred</b>
21	<i>Drug Scheduling Requirements</i>	<b>Drug Scheduling</b>	When a drug is approved for sale in Canada, Health Canada decides whether or not the drug requires a prescription to be sold. The scheduling of non-prescription drugs (decisions on how they are to be sold in pharmacies) is the responsibility of the provinces and territories. Currently, the process by which P/Ts schedule non-prescription drugs varies across the country. This leads to uneven access to consumer health products and imposes a high regulatory burden on industry. The situation becomes even more complex when a prescription drug already on the market in Canada is switched from prescription to non-prescription status. The complexity and uncertainty involved in the switch process creates a disincentive for companies to pursue such switches, which can result in innovative non-prescription products not coming to market in Canada.	<b>Deferred</b>
22	<i>Registration Requirements</i>	<b>Corporate Registry</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
23	<i>Registration Requirements</i>	<b>Workers' Compensation Board</b>	Current Canadian workers' compensation legislation varies from one province to the next. As a result, businesses employing workers in many provinces or territories must comply with sometimes highly variable rules according to the government authority – federal, provincial, or territorial.	<b>Short Term</b> By December 31, 2021

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24	<i>Textiles / Upholstery</i>	<b>Upholstered and Stuffed Articles Regulatory Requirements</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT COMPLETE</b>	
25	<i>Technical Safety / Labour Mobility</i>	<b>Gasfitter/Gas Technician Licensing/Certification</b>	Differences exist among provinces and territories in the licensing, training, qualifications, certification, and scope of work of gasfitters/gas technicians. These differences present an opportunity to align regulations or policies in a way that will facilitate the ability of skilled gasfitters/gas technicians from one jurisdiction to work in others, enhancing nation-wide labour mobility and strengthening interjurisdictional commerce. If successful, this work could provide a model for reconciliation in other technical trades.	<b>Short Term</b> By December 31, 2021
26	Standards and Codes	<b>Energy Using and Saving Products</b>	Harmonize energy efficiency standards for energy using products (e.g., lighting, HVAC equipment, etc.) and products that affect the use of energy (e.g., thermostats, windows, etc.) in order to reduce the compliance burden on industry and costs for consumers. Several jurisdictions across Canada regulate the energy performance of products that either go beyond federal energy efficiency requirements or address gaps and delays in federal standards. Differences in energy efficiency standards regulations between jurisdictions may lead to duplicative requirements for industry and create internal trade obstacles across provincial and territorial borders, adding additional costs and reducing consumer choice.	<b>Long Term</b> By December 31, 2023
27	<i>Occupational Health and Safety</i>	<b>Personal Protective Equipment</b>	The increased usage of PPE across the globe has strained supply chains and made it difficult to find consistent, reliable sources to meet Canadian demand, especially because these essential products are not typically manufactured, tested, inspected, or certified in Canada. To increase the supply, a number of manufacturing companies in Canada have retooled to create a “made in Canada” supply of PPE. The US-based National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), has been certifying PPE sold in Canada. Recently, NIOSH has indicated that they will not prioritize new applications for certification by manufacturers outside of the US, for the next 18 months. Therefore, the Government of Canada is developing a strategy to develop, approve and test products against a Canadian standard. Additionally, as NIOSH standards are embedded in federal and provincial/territorial (P/Ts) regulations and codes, related to the acquisition and use of PPEs, non-NIOSH certified PPE may not be considered in acquisition processes in most P/Ts. Furthermore, Canadian made PPE may not be permitted by some employers or worn by employees represented by many unions or other labour organizations who have standards or guidance that reference the NIOSH standard.	<b>Short Term</b> By December 31, 2021
28	<i>Standards and Codes</i>	<b>Canadian Electrical Codes</b>	The Canadian Electrical Code (CE Code) is developed by CSA Group as a National Standard of Canada. It is incorporated by reference in the regulations of every Canadian province and territory as	<b>Long Term</b> By December 31, 2023

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			well as in federal regulations to ensure the safety of electrical installations. Currently, the adoption of the CE Code by federal, provincial, and territorial governments is misaligned. First, it takes governments different lengths of time to adopt the latest edition of the CE Code, which results in having different editions of the CE Code adopted. Second, some jurisdictions make jurisdiction-specific modifications and amendments to the CE Code as part of their adoption process. The objective is to facilitate the timely and aligned adoption of the CE Code across Canada by removing technical differences that may act as barriers to trade and addressing other issues related to aspects of CE Code implementation, including manufacturing, education/training, product design and certification, and labour mobility.	

### Items for Future Regulatory Cooperation

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>THEME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TARGETED TIMING for Reconciliation Agreement (SHORT, MEDIUM, OR LONG TERM)</b>
1	Transport	<b>Truck Driver Certification – Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT)</b>	A national mandatory entry level training (MELT) program for commercial drivers in Canada would be expected to improve commercial vehicle safety.	<b>Short Term</b> By December 31, 2021
2	Transport	<b>Testing of Automated and Connected Vehicles (AV/CVs)</b>	The technology related to automated vehicles is evolving rapidly. Analysis reveals that Canadian provinces and territories have varying levels of enabling statutes to support AV testing. In 2018, guidelines were published by the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) and a national policy framework was developed by the Council of Ministers of Transportation (COMT). Regulatory cooperation would potentially see all jurisdictions adopt one set of guidelines for the testing of these vehicles and align formalized permitting practices for testing.	<b>Short Term</b> By December 31, 2021
3	Construction	<b>Builders' Lien – Prompt Payment Legislation and Associated Regulations</b>	Prompt payment legislation sets timelines by which construction contracts need to be paid and creates a dispute resolution mechanism to efficiently deal with disputes. This legislation's purpose is to improve the financial stability within the construction industry. Aligning approaches will reduce	<b>Medium Term</b> By December 31, 2022

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			unnecessary administrative burdens that otherwise might indirectly defeat this purpose. There is opportunity at this early stage of development to align regulatory approaches to prompt payment laws.	
4	<i>Technical Safety / Labour Mobility</i>	<b>Building Officials/Inspectors Certification/Licensing</b>	A patchwork of professional requirements across Canada inhibits labour mobility and professional development and opportunity, and potentially constrains business investment and mobility, while driving up costs for businesses and governments. The varying requirements negatively impacts the quality and consistency of building code inspections and the enforcement of building code requirements.	<b>TBC</b>