

U.S.-CANADA REGULATORY COOPERATION COUNCIL

Background

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and President Barack Obama created the U.S. – Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) on February 4, 2011. After private sector consultations and bilateral negotiations, the RCC released the Joint Action Plan on Regulatory Cooperation on December 7, 2011. The Joint Action Plan is a practical first step to increased regulatory cooperation between the United States and Canada.

In order to implement the initiatives identified in the Joint Action Plan, bilateral working groups led by senior officials from regulatory agencies will develop work plans with concrete objectives, deliverables and milestones for tangible progress within the RCC's two-year mandate.

June 19-20, 2013 – RCC Stakeholder Event

The RCC met in Washington, D.C., on June 19, 2013, to discuss work under the 2011 Joint Action Plan, the next steps in furthering Canada-U.S. regulatory alignment, and the role of the Council moving forward. On June 20 in Washington, D.C., the RCC held its second stakeholder event, the first having taken place in January 2012. Click [here](#) for a summary of the meeting and stakeholder outreach event.

January 30-31, 2012 RCC Stakeholder Event

The RCC hosted an initial outreach event in Washington, DC on January 30-31, 2012 to allow an opportunity for interested stakeholders to learn more about the Council and to provide input to federal regulators as they finalize draft work plans. Click [here](#) for a summary of this Initial Stakeholder Outreach Event. The RCC hosted a second outreach event at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC on February 4, 2013. Click [here](#) for RCC overview by Jeff Weiss and Bob Carberry.

We welcome ongoing feedback on the Regulatory Cooperation Council process and implementation. Please direct all commentary to RCC@trade.gov.

RCC Work Plans

The U.S. – Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council Joint Action Plan was released by President Obama and Prime Minister Harper on December 7, 2011. The RCC will focus its initial efforts on initiatives outlined in the Plan. Below is a list of work plans for each initiative. These plans are in the process of being finalized as the working groups incorporate the feedback provided by stakeholders at the outreach event in Washington, DC on January 30-31, 2012. We will post the final work plans as they become available.

Agriculture and Food 1

Lead Agencies: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Food Safety Inspection Service, Agricultural Marketing Service

- [MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCT EXPORT CERTIFICATION](#)
- [ZONING FOR FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES](#)
- [EQUIVALENCE OF MEAT SAFETY SYSTEMS](#)

- PERIMETER APPROACH TO PLANT PROTECTION
- MEAT CUT NOMENCLATURE
- FINANCIAL RISK MITIGATION FOR PRODUCE SELLERS

Agriculture and Food 2

Lead Agency: Food and Drug Administration

- COMMON APPROACH TO FOOD SAFETY
- MUTUAL RELIANCE ON FOOD SAFETY TESTING
- VETERINARY DRUGS

Crop Protection Products

Lead Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

- PRODUCT APPROVALS AND MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS/TOLERANCES

Personal Care Products and Pharmaceuticals

Lead Agency: Food and Drug Administration

- ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION GATEWAY
- COMMON MONOGRAPHS FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS
- GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES

Occupational Safety Issues

Lead Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration

- CLASSIFICATION AND LABELING OF WORKPLACE HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

Motor Vehicles

Lead Agency: Department of Transportation

- NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS
- EXISTING MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS

Rail Safety, Dangerous Goods, and Intelligent Transportation Systems

Lead Agency: Department of Transportation

- RAIL SAFETY STANDARDS
- DANGEROUS GOODS MEANS OF CONTAINMENT
- INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS)

Air Transport

Lead Agency: Department of Transportation

- [UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS](#)

Marine Transport

Lead Agency: U.S. Coast Guard

- [MARINE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY REGULATIONS](#)
- [REGULATORY OVERSIGHT REGIME ON THE GREAT LAKES & SEAWAY](#)
- [LIFE SAVING APPLIANCES](#)
- [CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR SMALL CRAFT](#)

Locomotive Emissions

Lead Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

- [LOCOMOTIVE EMISSIONS](#)

Environment

Lead Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

- [EMISSION STANDARDS FOR LIGHT-DUTY VEHICLES](#)
- [AIR POLLUTANTS \(PARTICULATE MATTER\)](#)

Nanotechnology

Lead Agency: Office of Management and Budget

- [NANOTECHNOLOGY](#)

Small Business Lens

Lead Agency: Office of Management and Budget

- [SMALL BUSINESS LENS](#)