

RCC Motor Vehicles Working Group: Existing Motor Vehicle Safety Standards Work Plan

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Preamble Text:

Although most existing motor vehicles standards are aligned, a number of standards remain different. In addition, in the absence of any institutionalized mechanism to ensure ongoing alignment between both countries, there remains a risk that misalignments will reoccur in the future as new standards are developed or existing ones renewed. (This work plan will be implemented in close coordination with the work plan on “New Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.”)

Timelines and Deliverables:

Action Plan Initiative	Pursue greater harmonization of existing motor vehicle safety standards notably by developing a consistent approach to align and adopt motor vehicle standards that take into account each country's safety risks and needs.		
Deliverable Outcome	<u>Action Item 1: Studying harmonization opportunities</u> Identify and implement options for greater harmonization of regulations for: a) Occupant protection; b) Side impact; c) Ejection mitigation; and, d) Vehicle theft prevention (immobilizers).	<u>Action Item 2: Aligning existing CMVSS with FMVSS</u> Further align the following standards: a) Identification of controls and displays; b) Lighting; c) Tires; and, d) Frontal Impact occupant protection.	<u>Action Item 3: Coordinating future work</u> Advance the close working relationship between the Canadian and U.S. regulatory teams by developing a framework for enhanced cooperation and approach to harmonized regulations.
Interim Deliverables			
Three to six months	Initiate discussions on a review of unharmonized regulatory requirements	Complete & publish the proposed harmonized tire regulations Complete & publish the proposed harmonized frontal impact occupant protection regulations Consult with key stakeholders	Develop proposals to move toward common standard setting, development, and testing mechanisms between Canada and the U.S. to further enhance ongoing regulatory alignment

<p>Six to 12 months</p>	<p>Consultation of study results with key stakeholders Initiate the process to amend regulations, based on the results of the study and the consultation</p>	<p>Complete & publish the proposed regulations on the alignment of the identification of controls and displays Consult with key stakeholders</p>	<p>Develop elements of the mechanisms for alignment of standards, sharing work for a long term standards setting agenda, which includes reciprocity of testing data Proceed with pilot projects to test new approaches. Implement cooperation mechanism for sharing approaches and testing and research data along the whole regulatory development continuum (i.e., from planning to implementation)</p>
<p>12 to 18 months</p>	<p>Review options and initiate process to harmonize regulations, based on the preferred option chosen</p>	<p>Complete & publish the proposed harmonized lighting regulations Consult with key stakeholders Complete & publish the final regulations on the alignment of the identification of controls and displays Complete & publish the final harmonized tire regulations Complete & publish the final regulations on the alignment of frontal impact occupant protection</p>	<p>Analysis of implementation and implications to policy, research and procedures Initiate any changes to regulations, policies and procedures to establish systematic ongoing regulatory alignment mechanisms Identify appropriate venues where both regulatory agencies can meet with and solicit stakeholder input as appropriate under each country's procedural criteria.</p>
<p>Beyond 18 months</p>	<p>Following the chosen option, implement and align regulations for: Occupant protection; Side impact; Ejection mitigation; and, Vehicle theft prevention (immobilizers)</p>	<p>Complete and publish the final harmonized lighting regulations</p>	<p>Implement regulatory, policy and procedure changes to establish systematic ongoing regulatory alignment mechanisms</p>

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