

Working Group	Transportation Working Group - Rail Safety Standards Canada lead - Gerard McDonald, Assistant Deputy Minister, Safety & Security, Transport Canada U.S. Lead - Susan McDermott, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Aviation & International Affairs, Department of Transportation	
Action Plan Initiative	Align rail safety standards and establish a joint mechanism to conduct periodic reviews of regulations.	
Deliverable outcome	Canadian and U.S. regulators will meet to assess the impact of emerging regulations and standards and their effect on cross-border transportation. Areas of discussion will include: Risk Reduction Program; High Speed Rail Development; Positive Train Control Systems Amendments; Medical Standards for Certified Engineers & Conductors; and Critical Incident Stress Plans.	
Task team members	<i>Canada - Luc Bourdon, Director General, Rail Safety; Don D. Pulciani, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Rail Safety</i> <i>United States – Jo Strang, Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety/Chief Safety Officer, Federal Railroad Administration; Ron Hynes, Director, Safety Assurance and Compliance, Federal Railroad Administration</i>	
Action items	Action Item 1: • Discuss the following rail safety areas: Risk Reduction Program; High Speed Rail Development; Positive Train Control Systems Amendments; Medical Standards for Certified Engineers & Conductors; and Critical Incident Stress Plans.	Action Item 2: • Explore the feasibility of developing a cooperation framework between both countries in order to establish ongoing and lasting aligned regulatory, compliance and monitoring programs.
	Interim Deliverables	
3-6 Months	<i>TC and FRA will participate in the Trans Border Working Group’s Passenger Rail Discussion Group. Further TC and FRA will meet regularly through the Bilateral meetings and as part of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee to discuss and coordinate efforts regarding the following areas: Risk Reduction Program; High Speed Rail Development; Positive Train Control Systems Amendments; Medical Standards for Certified Engineers & Conductors; and Critical Incident Stress Plans.</i>	<i>Identify scope and elements to be included in the joint MOU to align the regulatory, compliance and monitoring processes.</i>
6-12 Months	<i>As part of the Engineering Task Force, develop standards for High Speed equipment</i>	<i>Complete analysis and draft report on possible options for a joint cooperation framework between both countries.</i>
12-18 Months	<i>Review and submit options and recommendations for possible rulemaking amendments.</i>	<i>Initiate process to establish a joint cooperation framework between both countries that will align the regulatory, compliance and monitoring regimes.</i>
Beyond 18 Months	<i>Initiate and implement any identified rulemaking amendments in order to establish alignment, if required, between both countries.</i>	<i>Implement joint cooperation framework that aligns the regulatory, compliance and monitoring regimes between both countries.</i>

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