

Transportation Working Group - Dangerous Goods				
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Action Plan Initiative	Work to better align Canadian and U.S. standards on the containment of dangerous goods			
Deliverable outcome	Both countries will explore ways to enhance reciprocity with respect to recognition of standards for means of containment as well as with respect to recognition of special permits and approvals, which may result in reduced costs for approvals, product testing, and all costs associated with export certification.			
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Action items	Initiative 1: Establishment of Memorandum of Cooperation Arrangement (MCA) that will provide a framework for continued collaboration with respect to the mutual recognition of containment standards between both countries provided that an equivalent level of safety can be maintained.	Initiative 2: Develop enhanced mutual recognition with respect to gas cylinders provided that an equivalent level of safety can be maintained.	Initiative 3: Develop enhanced mutual recognition with respect to tank trucks (cargo tanks) provided that an equivalent level of safety can be maintained.	Initiative 4: Develop mechanisms for mutual recognition of approvals between both countries provided that an equivalent level of safety can be maintained.
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Interim Deliverables				
3-6 Months	<i>Identify key domestic and international forums pertinent to the development of means of containment standards where collaboration will enhance the implementation of consistent standards and regulations.</i>	<i>Identify areas where standards and approval processes for gas cylinders could be better aligned/recognized.</i>	<i>Identify areas where standards and approval processes for tank trucks (cargo tanks) could be better aligned/recognized.</i>	<i>Establish a list of opportunities for enhanced recognition of approvals issued by each country.</i>
6-12 Months	<i>Develop a working plan to ensure that participation in such forums is whenever possible coordinated between the participants or where joint participation is not feasible that appropriate information sharing mechanisms are in place.</i>	<i>Where the respective regulatory regimes result in an equivalent level of safety – identify means for enhanced mutual recognition of approvals.</i>	<i>Where the respective regulatory regimes result in an equivalent level of safety – identify means for enhanced mutual recognition.</i>	<i>Compare methodologies, including risk assessment methods and other parameters used to determine safety equivalency or, in the case of classification approvals, the equivalency of such classifications.</i>
12-18 Months	<i>Draft agreement parameters specifically addressing each forum and ensuring collaboration mechanisms exist that include bridging of appropriate technical expertise as needed.</i>	<i>Identify mechanisms to better align mutual recognition of approvals.</i>	<i>Identify mechanisms to better align mutual recognition of approvals .</i>	<i>Identify specific mechanisms to enhance mutual recognition of approvals between both countries provided that an equivalent level of safety can be maintained.</i>
Beyond 18 Months	<i>Implement mechanisms to ensure national standards and regulations are amended to maintain alignment wherever possible taking into account agreement parameters.</i>	<i>Implement mechanisms identified to better align gas cylinder mutual recognition of approvals.</i>	<i>Implement mechanisms identified to better align tank truck (cargo tank) mutual recognition of approvals.</i>	<i>Implement permanent mechanisms that will enhance the mutual recognition of approvals between both countries.</i>