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# Canada's Experience with Regulatory Cooperation: Successes



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# What is regulatory cooperation?



Unnecessary regulatory differences between Canada and its key trading partners can add significant costs for industry and consumers

Regulatory cooperation can reduce or eliminate these differences, reducing costs to industry, consumers, and regulators, and increasing consumer choice

## REGULATORY COOPERATION

- A process to find efficiencies and reduce unnecessary regulatory differences
- Applies to full lifecycle of regulatory activities, including inspections, certification, standards, product and testing approvals
- Maintains or advances high standards of public health and safety and environmental protection

# Canada's Regulatory Cooperation Fora

## Canada-United States Regulatory Cooperation Council



Established in 2011 by U.S. President Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Harper to enhance economic competitiveness while maintaining high levels of protection for health, safety and the environment

## Canadian Free Trade Agreement- Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Table



Established in 2017 to reduce domestic barriers to trade, facilitate investment and labour, and encourage common processes exist among Parties

## Canada - European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement- Regulatory Cooperation Forum



Currently being established with the aim of identifying potential areas for cooperation, facilitating discussions between regulatory authorities, sharing information

# Successes: Safety

## MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

### Electronic stability control systems



**What:** Canada aligned with the U.S. to require the use of electronic stability control systems on all heavy vehicles

**Benefit:** Preventing collisions, and resulting in nearly **\$18 million** of savings over the average life of the vehicles

### Mandatory rear-view cameras for cars



**What:** Canada aligned with the U.S. to require back-up cameras on all new passenger vehicles

**Benefit:** Better visibility for drivers

## CHILDREN'S SAFETY

### Small magnetic toys



**What:** Canada aligned regulations with the U.S. and the European Union to restrict the size and strength of magnetic toy components

**Benefit:** Improved children's safety

# Successes: Health Care

## Common Electronic Submission Gateway



**What:** Companies can submit information for a health product market authorization once for Canada and the U.S.

**Benefit:** \$22 million of savings for the pharmaceutical industry over 10 years

## Chemicals Management Compliance Promotion



**What:** Canada and the U.S. jointly developed an educational primer on regulatory reporting requirements for new uses and activities of chemicals

**Benefit:** Promote regulatory compliance throughout the chemicals supply chain

## Animal disease outbreaks



**What:** Canada and the U.S. recognize each other's zoning decisions during highly contagious foreign animal disease outbreaks

**Benefit:** Minimized trade disruptions, while protecting animal and human health in both countries

# Successes: Consumer Choice

## Energy efficiency standards for household appliances



**What:** Canada is harmonizing energy standards with domestic and international (U.S.) partners for commercial and residential products

**Benefits:**

- **\$1.8 billion total energy savings** for Canadians by 2030
- **\$1.5 million annual energy savings** for manufacturers

## Sunscreen Inspection Pilot



**What:** U.S. sunscreens enter into Canada without being quarantined and tested for a second time at the border

**Benefit:** **\$100,000 annually** of savings per sunscreen for the consumer health product industry

# Thank you

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