

November 3, 2017

Dear Stakeholder,

RE: Trucking Harmonization Task Force

At the September 2016 meeting of the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety, the Ministers agreed to establish a new Federal/Provincial/Territorial task force to identify areas that would benefit from increased harmonization in the trucking sector. The task force will study interprovincial truck-related legislation, regulations and policies, with a goal of improving the efficiency of inter-provincial/territorial trucking, including by harmonizing these where warranted.

The task force is co-chaired by Transport Canada and the Province of Saskatchewan. Provinces and territories are active participants and will work with their respective jurisdictional trucking associations and various shipping groups to get an even broader perspective.

As a key transportation stakeholder, I invite your organization to help:

- identify barriers facing the Canadian inter-provincial/territorial trucking industry; and
- suggest potential short and long-term solutions for easing these barriers.

At this initial stage, the task force is gathering information to get a sense of the situation today. It is relying on you to identify issues so it can begin the work of analyzing and possibly addressing barriers to safe, effective and efficient movement of cargo by truck.

Our work will complement the efforts of other committees, initiatives and forums that are already working with industry stakeholders.

You and your members may respond using an online survey tool at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BarriersInterProvincialTrucking>. I would appreciate if your organization could submit its response with as much of the information as possible **by December 15, 2017**.

Please feel free to share this invitation with your members and/or other relevant stakeholders who may want to provide input to the ongoing work of this task force. The task force plans to share what it hears from stakeholders at a later date, in an aggregated form.

Thank you for the time you have already invested in this effort. I welcome your input as we move to a spring 2018 interim report to the Council of Deputy Ministers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul LaFleche". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Paul LaFleche
Chair and
Deputy Minister, Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

cc Council of Deputy Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety