

RCC EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Established on February 4, 2011, the Regulatory Cooperation Council's (RCC) Canadian and American members have met regularly. The following is a list of RCC meetings and events that have occurred:

December 14, 2012 – The Canada-United States Regulatory Cooperation Council delivers its Progress Report to Leaders

October 23 and November 27, 2012 – Canada-United States RCC Meeting

Meeting Outcomes: RCC senior officials met in Washington on October 23 and again on November 27 to discuss progress made on the RCC Joint Action Plan work plans. Officials discussed areas of potential secretariat-led research aimed at addressing some of the cross-cutting barriers to regulatory alignment emerging from the working group efforts, including information sharing and fund sharing. Next steps were discussed for deepening Canada-U.S. regulatory alignment and encouraging continued stakeholder engagement in the ongoing work. Preparations regarding the December release of the Progress Report to Leaders was also discussed.

May 17 and July 25, 2012 – Canada-United States RCC Meetings

Meeting Outcomes: These meetings saw senior RCC officials meet to finalize remaining work plan-related issues and begin to look ahead at the work of the RCC over the coming 12 months. It was agreed that with implementation well underway on the December 2011 Joint Action Plan, work could begin on the development of next steps, potential options for ongoing alignment mechanisms, and further analytical work on the benefits of regulatory alignment.

February 10, 2012 – Canada-United States RCC Meeting

Meeting Outcomes: This meeting was a follow-up to the January 2012 stakeholder sessions in Washington. RCC officials discussed the steps necessary to finalize the work plans including:

- Ensuring all feedback from stakeholders was received and appropriately inputted;
- Reviewing outstanding issues related to work plan finalization; and
- Planning the work to ensure work plans aligned with the objectives laid out in the Joint Action Plan.

January 31, 2012 – Working Group Stakeholder Advisory Sessions

Meeting Outcomes: Individual stakeholder advisory sessions to allow working group leads to present draft work plans and get input and feedback from stakeholders

January 30, 2012 – RCC Stakeholder Session

Meeting Objectives: First stakeholder session to share RCC objectives and to obtain views on the RCC initiative

December 7, 2011 – The Prime Minister of Canada and President of the United States announce the RCC Joint Action Plan

November 22, 2011 – Canada-United States RCC Meeting

Meeting Outcomes: Discussion with working group leads regarding the overall RCC Joint Action Plan and regulatory cooperation between Canada and the United States

August 23, 2011 – Canada-United States RCC Meeting

Meeting Outcomes: Further refinement of the draft RCC Joint Action Plan, working group model, next steps

July 28, 2011 – Canada-United States RCC Meeting

Meeting Outcomes: Discussion of the first draft of the RCC Joint Action Plan

July 21, 2011 – Issue-Specific Bilateral Meetings

Meeting Outcomes: These meetings saw Canada and the United States continue their Joint Action Plan issue-specific discussions (environment, consumer products) between regulatory departments and the RCC Secretariat. The meeting's objective was to determine, from amongst identified potential opportunities, the best fit for the chosen Joint Action Plan initiatives.

July 14-15, 2011 – Issue-Specific Bilateral Meetings

Meeting Outcomes: On July 14 and 15, 2011, Canada and the United States conducted a series of Joint Action Plan issue-specific (agriculture, health, transportation) meetings between regulatory departments from both sides of the border and the RCC Secretariat. The objective of these meetings was to determine, from amongst identified potential opportunities, the best fit for the chosen Joint Action Plan initiatives.

July 8, 2011 – Canada-United States RCC Meeting

Meeting Outcomes: On July 8, 2011, Canada and the United States discussed the development process for the RCC Joint Action Plan, identified a list of opportunities, and developed a strategy for effecting future refinements to the draft document.

June 3, 2011 – Canada-United States RCC Meeting

Meeting Outcomes: Finalized Terms of Reference for the RCC

May 13, 2011 – Canada-United States RCC Meeting

Meeting Outcomes: At this meeting, Canadian and United States representatives discussed establishing a set of Terms of Reference to formalize a mandate and guiding principles for the RCC initiative. Meeting discussions also focused on the potential structural organization of the RCC, preliminary forward planning. A dialogue regarding acceptable RCC initiative expectations and a structural operating model also occurred.

February 4, 2011 – The Prime Minister of Canada and President of the United States announce the creation of the Regulatory Cooperation Council