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# Reconciliation Agreement for the Canadian Registration Number (CRN) for Pressure Equipment

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## Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Table (RCT)

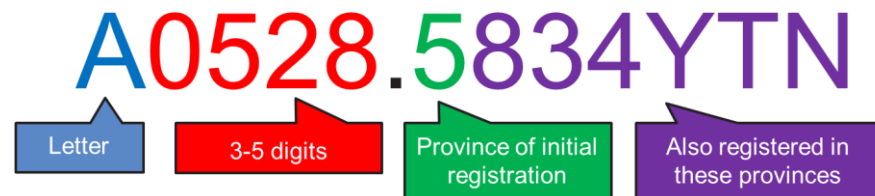
- The RCT was established under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). It is composed of senior government representatives appointed by Premiers
- Aim: to reconcile regulatory measures that act as a barrier to trade, investment, or labour mobility within Canada and to discuss future regulatory measures for cooperation
- The RCT's first work plan included the Canadian Registration Number (CRN) for Pressure Equipment as an item for regulatory reconciliation





## RCT Work Plan – Canadian Registration Number (CRN)

- Currently, a manufacturer must submit its equipment's design 7 times for review through separate application processes
- In response to an industry submission, CRN was included on the RCT's first work plan
- The RCT identified PTAC as the working group responsible for developing a reconciliation agreement to align jurisdictional requirements for CRN





## The Provincial-Territorial Advisory Committee (PTAC)

- PTAC is a statutory committee of the Standards Council of Canada (SCC)
- PTAC is a policy-level committee consisting of a representative from each province and territory
- Mandate: to identify and address standardization-related policy issues, both national and international in scope





## Development of the Reconciliation Agreement for CRN

Engagement with Stakeholders

PTAC negotiations (teleconferences and in-person)

Agreement's endorsement by the RCT

Legal review of the agreement



## Reconciliation Agreement for CRN

- Negotiations ended in December 2018. Since then, the agreement has undergone RCT endorsement and jurisdictional legal review processes. Signature of the agreement by provincial/territorial governments is underway
- As negotiated by PTAC, the agreement:
  - is applicable to pressure equipment (boilers, pressure vessels, and fittings) to be used in more than one jurisdiction
  - requires that manufacturers need only submit one CRN application
  - will facilitate trade of pressure equipment through the mutual recognition of design reviews
  - requires that documentation created as part of implementation be available bilingually
  - will enter into force for Parties on January 1, 2020



## Implementation of the Reconciliation Agreement for CRN

- PTAC is now overseeing the agreement's implementation
- A key outcome of PTAC's last meeting in June 2019 was the review of an implementation plan (developed in February 2019) that includes:
  - Q&A guide to provide background and enhance understanding
  - A model for the sharing of information, including design and administrative documentation associated with the CRN application
  - Development of a uniform application form for manufacturers' use
  - Regulatory and policy changes within jurisdictions
- To support, the National Public Safety Advisory Committee (NPSAC) created a Working Group in May (areas of focus: development of a uniform application form and a model for sharing information across jurisdictions)



## Council of the Federation (COF) – July 9-11, 2019

- Premiers committed to continue work under the CFTA, including related to labour mobility
- Completed reconciliation agreements (common OH&S standards, CRN, and weights for single wide-base and dual tires) were noted as a successes of the past year



- Premiers instructed all responsible ministers to prioritize and follow through on the implementation of regulatory reconciliation efforts





## PTAC and Interprovincial Trade



- Implementation of the Reconciliation Agreement for CRN underway
- Development of Reconciliation Agreement to harmonize requirements and licensing for gas fitters across Canada



Questions ?

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