

## Re: PPE and standards issue

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Hi Kendal - can you bring Pierre, Jo and Stefania in the loop on this? Let's see if we can play the coordinating role.  
Steve

On Oct 16, 2020, at 5:25 PM, Weber, Kendal (HC/SC) wrote:

I reached out to Tina Green at TBS on this issue. Here is what she told me  
This came to our attention in the summer as an internal trade issue/with respect to our role with the RCT. Yes, HPFB has been involved along the way.  
If there is increased interest from/capacity at HC to be more involved/provide greater leadership, there wouldn't be an issue at our end.

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**From:** Weber, Kendal (HC/SC)  
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**To:** Lucas, Stephen (HC/SC)  
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Steve

Here is a summary of the PPE issue raised by the SCC earlier today. Would you like to engage Jo Voisin in follow up?

- TBS has confirmed that the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Committee to the Canadian Association of Administrators of Labour Legislation (CALL-OSH) will be the working group in charge of the RCT Reconciliation Agreement for PPE.
- The goal of the Reconciliation Agreement under the RCT is to ensure that F/P/T regulators reference a Canadian PPE standard that we can certify to in Canada, given that NIOSH is prioritizing certification within the US
- TBS indicated that as this is an important issue, there may need to be a faster timeline for the RCT process, given that there could be a gap once the HC interim measures expire.

- SCC noted that we could help to ensure right expertise is at the table when developing the standard and help to coordinate the scope with CSA, e.g., perhaps more than one standard will be necessary.
- SCC also noted that we could help to ensure right expertise is at the table when developing the certification aspect of this initiative – it is better to have several certification bodies accredited by SCC to certify conformity to the new standard(s). This will ensure that manufacturers have better timeline to certify their products.
- We also confirmed that SCC’s statutory Provincial-Territorial Advisory Committee (PTAC) stands ready to assist, where needed, in terms of sharing information within their jurisdictions to aid in awareness and/or recruiting of provincial/territorial expertise, and to assist CALL-OSH on the RCT RA where needed.
- Given the number of different stakeholders involved, TBS wants to develop coordinating committee- HC, NRC, SCC, CSA, etc. This coordinating committee has not yet been established, but our impression is that TBS will be reaching out to relevant departments shortly.