



October 16, 2018

Dear RCC Stakeholder,

On Tuesday, October 9th, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) within the Office of Management and Budget published in the Federal Register a Request for Information (RFI) soliciting public input on how the Federal Government, under the auspices of the United States-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC), may reduce or eliminate unnecessary regulatory differences between the United States and Canada. You can find it here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/10/09/2018-21765/request-for-information>.

OIRA also seeks public comment to identify ongoing or emerging areas for which cooperation could reduce the risk of divergence between U.S. and Canadian regulations. The comments submitted in response to the RFI may inform agencies' development of regulatory reform proposals to modify or repeal existing agency requirements to increase efficiency related to economic activity with Canada, reduce or eliminate unnecessary or unjustified regulatory burdens, or simplify regulatory compliance, while continuing to meet agency missions and statutory requirements.

How to comment on the RFI. You can submit comments either through the Federal rulemaking portal at www.regulations.gov using docket number OMB-2018-0006 or by emailing them to International-OIRA@omb.eop.gov and including "US-Canada RCC RFI" in the subject line. When providing comments, OIRA requests that commenters include the following, where possible and appropriate:

- relevant regulatory agency or agencies;
- relevant regulation, guidance document, form, or reporting requirement at issue and legal citation or form number and OMB Control Number where available;



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- relevant statutory or regulatory provisions for each jurisdiction (or an indication that such provisions do not exist in one or both jurisdictions);
- as much detail as possible about the issue or unnecessary difference, as well as an explanation of how and why agencies could align, modify, streamline, or repeal the regulatory requirements, while still achieving their regulatory and/or statutory objectives;
- supporting data or other quantitative information such as information about the burdens or cost resulting from the regulatory divergence and the possible burden or cost reduction from alignment, details on measurable benefits for industry, government, or consumers, and an assessment of the net benefits of enhanced regulatory alignment.

For questions about the RFI, the stakeholder forum or the RCC in general, please contact International-OIRA@omb.eop.gov

The 2018 RCC Stakeholder Forum will be held December 4 -5, 2018 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. In the coming weeks, you will receive an invitation including details on how to register. More information about the forum will be posted at www.trade.gov/rcc in the near future. This event will bring together senior regulatory officials, industry, and other interested members of the public from both sides of the border to discuss recent accomplishments and new opportunities for regulatory cooperation. Comments on the RFI may be used to inform the RCC public stakeholder forum



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