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Subject: Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination requirements for federally regulated transportation employees and travellers

On August 13, 2021, the Government of Canada announced its intent to require COVID-19 vaccination for employees in the federally regulated air, rail, and marine transportation sectors and its travellers, with further details that were shared this past week. As of October 30, the Government of Canada will require employers in the federally regulated air, rail, and marine transportation sectors to establish vaccination policies for their employees. Also effective October 30, travellers departing from Canadian airports, and travellers on VIA Rail and Rocky Mountaineer trains, will be required to be fully vaccinated in order to travel. There will be a short transition period where travellers that are not yet vaccinated will be able to travel if they can show a valid COVID-19 molecular test within 72 hours of travel, but that transition period will end on November 30.

In the air mode, this mandate will be carried out through mandatory vaccination policies for operators, requirements for vaccinated non-passengers working the restricted area of the airport, and requirements for travellers. Transport Canada has prepared three consultations papers outlining proposed scope, broad regulatory requirements and other implementation details, and is seeking feedback from aviation operators and associations as soon as possible on them. The Government of Canada is committed to keeping the transportation sector, including employees and travellers, safe and secure. Mandatory vaccination for the federally regulated air, rail, and marine sectors helps limit the risk of spreading COVID-19 and helps prevent against future outbreaks.

Thank you,

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