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Statement on Transport Canada's Proposed Amendments to the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations

On September 1, 2014, the Railway Supply Institute Committee on Tank Cars (RSICTC) delivered its comments to Transport Canada regarding amendments to Proposed Regulations for the transportation of dangerous goods. RSICTC commends Transport Canada's efforts and endorses several aspects of the Proposed Regulations, which promote safety in the transportation of flammable materials by rail. In other areas, RSICTC believes that the proposed regulations could be tailored to reduce risk without unnecessary disruptions and unintended consequences.

RSI President Tom Simpson noted, "RSICTC has a longstanding commitment to safety, and stresses the need for harmonization between Transport Canada and the U.S. Department of Transportation in the creation of a holistic approach to the transportation of hazardous materials by rail. While the most important task is to reduce derailments, a harmonized approach will help create certainty in the standards for new and existing tank cars carrying flammable liquids including both crude oil and ethanol."

For additional information on RSICTC's comments and recommendations to Transport Canada, please visit: <http://rsiweb.org/about/rsi-committees/ctc>.

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About The Railway Supply Institute

The [Railway Supply Institute](http://rsiweb.org) (RSI) is the international trade association for the rail supply industry, representing the nation's leading companies involved in the manufacture of products and services in the freight car, tank car, locomotive, maintenance-of-way, communications and signaling, and passenger rail industries. America's railway suppliers represent a \$23 billion/year industry supporting 90,000 American workers. The Railway Supply Institute Committee on Tank Cars (RSICTC) is focused on increasing safety of rail tank cars. The membership of the RSICTC includes major manufacturers and lessors of rail tank cars who build more than 95 percent and own or lease over 70 percent of tank cars operating in North America.