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### Atlantic business organizations support Premiers' progress on red tape and internal trade barriers

Halifax - Business organizations are applauding progress being made by the Council of Atlantic Premiers on removing barriers to interprovincial trade. The Premiers yesterday confirmed they will advance recommendations put forward by the business community on **Workers' Compensation, Occupational Health and Safety and Transportation**.

These priority areas were identified by the business community through a consultation process collaboratively led by the **Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)**, the **Atlantic Chamber of Commerce (ACC)** and the **Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME)**.

"CFIB members know all-too-well how unnecessary regulation reduces productivity and limits innovation, we welcomes any steps to eliminate barriers to business between our provinces", said the group chair, **Jordi Morgan, CFIB Vice-president, Atlantic**. "These are practical, achievable measures we've identified and we're pleased to see the four Premiers agreeing to take action."

"CME is very supportive of the pan-Atlantic red tape reduction efforts and legislation being advanced by the Premiers", said **Joel Richardson, Vice President, NB & PEI Divisions, CME**. "We're looking forward to continuing our consultative role during the implementation of these ideas.

- The Premiers have agreed to adopt – across all four provinces - Canada Revenue Agency's One Business One Number system for Workers' Compensation Boards and Commissions. This reduces the need for re-entering business information when completing common registrations.
- The Premiers announced the four provinces will mutually recognize specific Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) equipment and safety training standards and do so in consultation with the business

community. This will not only make it easier for businesses but will highlight that mutual recognition is one real and relatively simple way our region can eliminate barriers.

- The Premiers also announced a process to assess options for standardizing the carrier profile system in the trucking sector. Currently, there is not a standard system across the region, adding burden and cost to transportation carriers. Again, stakeholders will be involved in this work.

"Workers' Compensation, OH&S and Transportation are all very important pieces of doing business between provinces", said **Valerie Roy, Chief Executive Officer** of the **Atlantic Chamber of Commerce Inc.** "We are looking forward to seeing these changes implemented promptly and hope the Premiers will continue to work together to help the Atlantic region become more competitive."

The group would also like to thank **Jean Marc Picard, Executive Director** of the **Atlantic Truckers' Association** and **Luc Erjavec of Restaurants Canada** for their valuable input in the process.

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