

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF APPENDIX G OF THE *COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT REGULATIONS*

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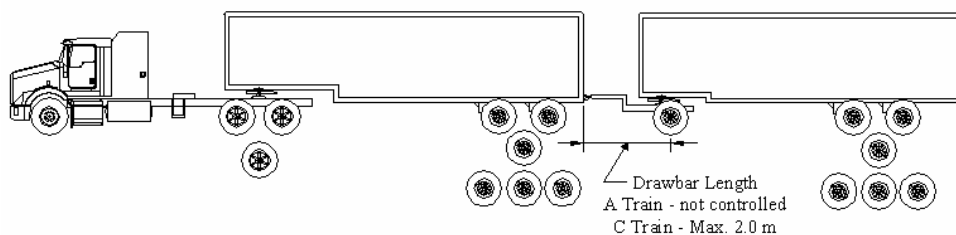
PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

The purpose of this circular is to provide clarification to the A Train/C Train drawing in Appendix G of the *Commercial Transport Regulations* (CTR).

BACKGROUND

Appendix G implies that both A and C Trains have a maximum drawbar length of 2.0 meters. It should be clarified that this maximum drawbar length applies only to C Trains and not A Trains.

All previous versions of the CTR, up to 2002, had not verbally stated control on the converter dolly's drawbar length of an A Train. Circa 2002, the weight and dimensions requirements for both A and C trains were merged into one diagram in the Appendix G of the CTR in support of simplifying regulations. The maximum drawbar length of 2.0 m remained as it pertained to C Trains, however, the placement of the wording in the current Appendix G diagram may lead to incorrect interpretation that the control also applies to A Trains. Please refer to the figure below for a clear distinction between allowable drawbar lengths for both A and C Trains:



The rationale for the different drawbar lengths was provided by a 1986 Transportation Association of Canada study which showed that while increasing the drawbar length did not significantly impact the handling capability of A Trains, deteriorated handling could potentially occur in C Trains when the dolly's drawbar length exceeded 2.0 m.

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