



From the office of the Chief Executive Officer / Du cabinet du chef de la direction

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Consultations on the impact assessments of the Canada-Mercosur FTA negotiations
Trade Negotiations — Trade Agreements and NAFTA Secretariat (TCT)
Global Affairs Canada
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, ON K1N 1J1

Re: Engineers Canada's comments on the Canada-Mercosur Free Trade Agreement negotiations

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the negotiations toward a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Mercosur countries, which include Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

Engineers Canada is the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada and license the country's 320,000 engineers. Engineering is a regulated profession in Canada with engineering regulators established through provincial and territorial legislation. As the only national voice for the engineering profession, our organization has a long-standing history of working and collaborating with the federal government to help inform and develop legislation, regulations, and policies. Together with our engineering regulators, we work to advance engineering in the public interest.

Engineers Canada works to facilitate the international mobility of engineers so that Canada can leverage the benefits of globalization within the engineering profession, while also upholding the licensure and regulatory framework for engineering in Canada. The public must continue to be confident that engineers, regardless of where they received their degree or their work experience, have the right education and skills to practice engineering in Canada with competence and integrity.

For this reason, we ask that the Government of Canada carefully consider and uphold Canada's approach to professional self-regulation during trade negotiations. Because of the substantial differences in regulatory approaches between member countries and Canada, we ask that the government emphasize that cross-border trade in services must be accompanied by respect for Canada's regulatory framework.

Once again, we thank Global Affairs Canada for the opportunity to provide feedback and we look forward to continued discussion on this important initiative. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the issue further, representatives from our organization would be happy to speak with you. If you need more information regarding this submission, or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Nathan Durham, Manager of Public Affairs, at 613.232.2474 ext. 265 or at nathan.durham@engineerscanada.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Rizcallah". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" being more legible than the last name "Rizcallah".

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