



Information on Private Railway Crossings and Grade Crossing Regulations

OFA is aware that information and communication has been released regarding private railway crossings and that some crossings may require upgrades or improvements to allow them to continue to be in use after November 2021.

Transport Canada amended its Grade Crossing Regulations, which apply to **both** private (farm) crossings as well as to public crossings in March 2019. **The “in force” date for these requirements is set for November 28, 2021.**

Transport Canada regulates all at-grade or level crossings over railway tracks. Crossings are either public crossings – crossings on public roads or private crossings – crossings on private property, such as farmland.

Private crossings are those where there is no public use of the crossing, and the same person, business, etc. owns the land on both sides of the tracks. Numerous farm properties have an active railway line passing through the farm, and a private level crossing over the rail line that serves as the farmers only means of access to fields on the opposite side of the tracks. Private crossings may be referred to as “farm crossings”.

Transport Canada has posted Grade Crossing Information on its website at: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/rail-transportation/grade-crossings/grade-crossings-regulations-what-you-need-know>.

Transport Canada also has some private crossing specific information available at: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/rail-transportation/grade-crossings/private-grade-crossings>.

For more information regarding Grade Crossing Regulations, visit <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/PDF/SOR-2014-275.pdf>.

OFA will continue to monitor this process and will inform members accordingly as more information becomes available.