



Security Committee Meeting

March 13, 2025

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of Canada

Competition Law Compliance Policy

STATEMENT

The RAC is committed to compliance with all **competition laws** applicable in Canada, including Canada's *Competition Act*.

Under the leadership of its Board of Directors, the RAC carries out its activities in strict compliance with all **competition laws**, provides guidance to its committees and its employees on how to comply with these laws, and promotes with them the importance and value to the RAC of complying with them.

The RAC Corporate Secretary ensures that RAC, its committees and its staff are familiar and comply with this policy.

COMPETITION LAW

Competition laws are designed to maintain and encourage competition in the marketplace. Non-compliance with the **competition laws** relating to improper coordination among competitors could constitute a criminal offence to which significant fines and prison terms can be attached, and for which significant damages can be awarded in private lawsuits, including large class actions.

RAC is a forum for railway members to exchange information and views on the railway sector. Particularly because RAC is an association that represents most of the players in the rail sector in Canada, including many that compete with one another, any activity it conducts must be in strict accordance with the **competition laws**, and avoid even the perception of possible improper conduct.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Due to the presence of multiple competing entities in RAC, any activity, including discussions or agreements that relate, directly or indirectly, to the following "**Prohibited Topics**" are strictly prohibited:

- ☐ Prices (rates) charged to shippers for services provided by members of the RAC
- ☐ Prices (costs) paid to suppliers for services provided to members of the RAC
- ☐ Any other conditions associated with services provided to shippers or received from suppliers of RAC members, including discounts, rebates, etc. and level of service provisions
- ☐ Customer or territory allocation
- ☐ Limitation of supply of services provided by RAC members to their customers

GUIDANCE

Any activity, including discussions or agreements that could even remotely be construed as relating to the above Prohibited Topics, cannot take place at the RAC or any of its committees or any meeting organized or attended by RAC staff, or otherwise among RAC members.

To ensure compliance with these rules, when meeting, members of a RAC committee or of the Board of Directors must:

- ☐ Have a pre-set agenda and take minutes, recording resolutions adopted and summarizing the essentials of conversations that took place.
- ☐ Limit themselves to issues identified on the agenda, except if circumstances call for other issues to be addressed, in which case careful notes of the additional issues discussed must be recorded.
- ☐ If any participant believes that Prohibited Topics have been raised or discussed, they must advise all participants of their concern and any discussion relating to that issue be ceased immediately pending legal advice.
- ☐ Require legal advice if any issue to be discussed might cause the members to believe that **competition laws** could be infringed.
- ☐ Suspend or even postpone to a later date discussions on such issues if legal advice cannot be sought in a timely manner.

Staff of the RAC shall in their duties ensure the confidentiality of information brought to their attention by members, avoid conflict of interest or situations that would discredit the RAC, unless doing so could violate the **competition laws**.

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RAC SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**March 13, 2025
13:00 to 14:00 (ET)**

Microsoft Teams Meeting
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

AGENDA

	SCHEDULE	DISCUSSION LEADER	TIME
1.	Welcome	L. Bentenuto	13:00
	1.1 Competition Law Compliance Policy – Forward Statement	S. Croome	13:05
	1.2 Approval of Draft Minutes (October 2, 2024)	L. Bentenuto	13:07» D
2.	International update on Security trends and geopolitical developments that affect rail security in North America	L. Bentenuto	13:10
3.	National review of security incidents within the railway industry and trends	R. Zawerbny	13:20
4.	National pilot project of passengers at VIA Rail Canada	L. Bentenuto	13:40
5.	Round Table	All	13:50
6.	Adjournment Next Meeting – September 2025	L. Bentenuto	14:00
D »	Decision Required <i>Supporting material</i>		

RAC SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES 24-02
Virtual Meeting
October 2, 2024; 13:00 HOURS (EDT)

In Attendance

Luciano Bentenuto, VIA – Chair
Robert Zawerbny, CN – Vice-Chair
Scott Croome, RAC
Court Edeburn, GCRC
Herschel Flowers, CPKC
Mitch Jardine, CN
Christopher Johnson, CN
Lori Kennedy, CPKC
Joseph Martis, CN
Michael Rennie, ONTC
Stéphane Tardif, GWCI
James Tollerson, NS
Pierre-Luc Vachon-Gravel, exo
Coralee Wagner

Regrets

Bryan Bass, BNSF
Christopher Bennett, CSX
Jean Ernest Celestin, VIA
Stephen Covey, CN
Patrick Desaulniers, exo
Jack Gibson, CSX
Bruce Power, CN
Greg Sandsness, BNSF
Jared Wagar, CPKC
Todd Wallace, WCE
Steve Weir, Metrolinx
Brian Williams, BNSF

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Roll Call
Luciano Bentenuto noted that the required quorum was achieved and called the meeting to order in accordance with the Railway Association of Canada (RAC) bylaws.
 - 1.1 Mr. Croome read the Competition Law Compliance Policy – Forward statement
 - 1.2 Approval of Minutes (April 4, 2024) – Luciano Bentenuto
It was moved by Michael Rennie (ONTC) and seconded by Robert Zawerbny (CN) to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2024, meeting.
2. AAR Rail Security Issues
Event Management
 - The AAR is monitoring the USA elections and party conventions that will be happening later this year as there will likely be security concerns during the elections and the lead up to the inauguration in January 2025.
 - Port Strikes – impact on traffic to catch up
 - Railway Blockades – railway industry has been targeted
 - CN has been impacted by pro-solidarity protests. 7 railway blockades on CN lines with the last one being in June in St. Bruno
 - CN has also seen a spike in “crimes of opportunity” such as theft and mischief incidents, including a very serious one where a device was placed on a railway crossing arm resulting in a malfunction.
 - Pro-Palestinian demonstrations ramping up on October 7 – One year anniversary of Hamas attack on Israel.
 - Threat persists and continues as the conflict in the middle east expands.
3. TC Security Group Meeting
 - Transport Canada has concerns about geo-politics and the impact on rail. They are asking railways to be more vigilant about reporting incidents that might be related.
 - CN Police are seeing a spike in crime trends in 2024. Crimes of opportunity are on the rise such as metal theft, track material, copper etc.

- Transport Canada will be conducting a passenger rail security exercise between Amtrak and VIA Rail in Niagara Falls on December 12, 2024.
- RAC to check TC's distribution list for the Rail Security Working group as some members seem to have been dropped from the meeting invites.

4. IMCIT

Christopher Johnson a criminal intelligence analyst from CN's police department gave a briefing regarding new trends or actors with a nexus to rail from an IMCIT perspective.

- Over the last few years there has been an emerging threat towards rail
- The unit's mandate is to provide visibility on threats emanating from the ideological motivated threat landscape specifically trends that can impact public order or safety
- Part of what this group does is produce assessments on the likelihood of an ideological grievance moving from the online world into the real world and what they may look like on the ground
- One of the units' greatest strengths is that unlike a lot of other units they are continuously in the online spaces – a lot of analysis cultivate familiarity with these groups, monitor trends and observe things that are developing to determine what's new and what's different. As well as being able to demonstrate and observe individuals' movement to criminality
- At the operational level IMCIT is well positioned to coordinate and share timely intelligence with everyone who needs to know from tactical to policy making levels. They provide analytical and operational support to intelligence units. Part of what they do is they ensure senior management and partner agencies have access to timely intelligence that will help them prepare for the eventuality that may arise in the context of ideological grievances
- At the tactical level because they are continuously in the online spaces via chat rooms, forums, social media, they can do what is called target discovery. This is the identification of individuals or groups that are moving from the online space to real world with an ideological criminal intent. What they do is identify the individuals, conduct research from online sources and other sources such as the RCMP and other government agencies, put it together as a package and deliver it to investigative bodies that would eventually lead to the prosecution of these individuals.
- Christopher's position in IMCIT allows him to have a much broader view of what's going on with the threat landscape as he can look at all levels of criminality that will impact the rail that are ideologically motivated. His portfolio covers environmental activism as well as the anarchists' movements.
- Christopher shared a few examples of cases that he has worked on with this unit. For more information he can be reached at Christopher.johnson@cn.ca; Christopher.johnson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

5. Counter Terrorism

Luciano Bentenuto (VIA) attended Rail Poll's counter terrorism working group meeting in Slovenia and shared 3 key takeaways from that meeting.

1. The nexus between railways and critical infrastructure is something that Rail Poll sees being targeted in other countries like Europe. Canada may want to start looking at the trends overseas and see how they might affect us here in Canada.
2. The use of drones to attack trains by trying to get into open cars or the actual cab cars through open windows. Luciano has asked for a declassified version of the video to share with the committee.
3. Increase in measures to fight insider threats by getting more serious about vetting who works in the railway industry. A booklet was produced that describes what is being done in Europe and what other railway police agencies are doing to protect their railways, passengers and employees. Luciano is getting the digital version of the booklet to be shared with our committee members.

6. General Discussion

Critical Infrastructures Working Group - A new working work was proposed at the last Security Committee meeting. This group would focus on Critical Infrastructure related to railway operations. A call was put forward again to the committee looking for interested participants. The purpose of the sub-group would be to establish the nexus between the railway infrastructure and the Critical infrastructures currently identified within Canada. A call for volunteers was made to Join Luciano in this initiative.

TC requires the railway companies to submit a security plan which also includes a cybersecurity component. Railway companies noted that they did not receive any feedback from TC regarding their Cybersecurity plans that they submitted last summer.

7. Miscellaneous / Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 13:45.

Action Items – September 26, 2022	Lead	Status
1. Minutes: The meeting minutes are to be circulated within 21 calendar days	Brianna Bowman	Complete
2. Doodle Poll for next meeting – March 2025	Brianna Bowman	Complete
3. Verify TC's distribution list	Brianna Bowman	Complete



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