

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Trade and Export Development	
Title of Travel	Committee of Internal Trade Meeting	
Location	Quebec City, Quebec	
Date(s)	July 7-8, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Warren Kaeding, Minister of Trade and Export Development Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister of Trade and Export Development Mitchell Graw, Chief of Staff to Minister Kaeding	
Purpose of Travel	Participate in the FPT Committee on Internal Trade meeting	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$5,151.13
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$252.15
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,359.81
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$289.00
Conference & Registration Fees		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)		\$97.40
Subtotal		\$7,149.49
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (expenses for luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00
TOTAL		\$7,149.49

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The Committee on Internal Trade (CIT) is responsible for the implementation of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and includes the Ministers responsible for internal trade of each Party including the federal government and each province and territory.

CIT convened to discuss and advance progress on the priorities identified at the January 31, 2025, and February 28, 2025, CIT meetings and endorsed by First Ministers in March 2025. Priorities include enhancing the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, mutual recognition, labour mobility and other sectoral priorities that will make it easier to do business within Canada.

Minister Kaeding led the discussion about advancing direct-to-consumer alcohol sales and updated the table on progress.

Travel Activity

Minister Kaeding participated in all agenda items including discussions on:

- Enhancing the Commitments under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement by conducting a rapid review of all party-specific exceptions (PSEs) and concluding the financial services negotiations;
- Prioritizing mutual recognition on priority goods or sectors to reduce regulatory and administrative burden, including having all governments join the Mutual Recognition Pilot Project in the trucking sector;
- Working with the Forum of Labour Market Ministers to further Facilitate Labour Mobility;
- Other sectoral priorities, including that willing jurisdictions advance a Direct-to-Consumers sales system for alcohol, and that an enhanced domestic Team Canada trade promotion approach is explored; and
- An update on legislation and Memorandums of Understanding.

Ministers announced progress on all agenda items including:

- removing 30 per cent of remaining Party Specific Exceptions (PSEs) from the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA);
- concluding financial services negotiations and reaching an agreement in-principle;
- progress on the mutual recognition pilot project in the trucking sector and on advancing a Mutual Recognition Agreement on the sale of goods, except food;
- progress on labour mobility including the commitment to a 30-day service standard for processing labour mobility applications; and
- agreement by ten jurisdictions to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) committing to advance Direct-to-Consumer (DTC) alcohol sales.

The statement from CIT Ministers released following the meeting is available on the CFTA website:
[COMMUNIQUE - JULY 8, 2025 COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL TRADE MEETING - Canadian Free Trade Agreement | Accord de libre-échange canadien](#)

The communique about the Memorandum of Understanding on direct-to-consumer alcohol sales is also available on the CFTA website:
[MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER ALCOHOL SALES - Canadian Free Trade Agreement | Accord de libre-échange canadien](#)

Premiers referenced this work at the July Council of the Federation meeting:
[Premiers discuss building a more prosperous and safer Canada - Canada's Premiers](#)