

Saskatchewan

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OHS Enforcement

May 6: WorkSafe Saskatchewan announced a new activist-minded proactive strategy for achieving worker health, safety, and well-being. Key pillars: i. improve return to work programs; ii. focus more on psychological health and safety; iii. use technology to prevent occupational disease exposure and injuries in health care; iv. apply industry specific data to inform actions; and v. encourage strong safety leadership and shared accountability in workplaces.

Action Point: Find out how to implement a legally sound [Return to Work Compliance Game Plan](#) for injured workers.

New Laws

May 14: The *Saskatchewan Internal Trade Promotion Act* (Bill 24) providing for mutual recognition of goods and services entering the province from other Canadian provinces and territories received Royal Assent and took effect. The Bill is patterned after legislation recently adopted around the country in response to U.S. and Chinese tariffs.

Industry Challenges

May 21: Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan) announced over \$8.1 million in funding under the Regional Tariff Response Initiative (RTRI) to enhance Saskatchewan's trade and steel manufacturing capacity. The package includes \$5.1 million to help Saskatchewan Trade & Export Partnership (STEP), as well as \$1 million apiece to three steel manufacturers in and around Regina: DynaIndustrial GP Inc., Dutch Industries Ltd., and Hi-Tec Profiles Inc.

Industry Challenges

May 22: The Competition Bureau reached an agreement with Parrish & Heimbecker, Limited (P & H) on its proposed acquisition of GrainsConnect Canada Operations Inc. (GrainsConnect). The Bureau found that the transaction would reduce competition for the purchase of wheat from farmers in the region surrounding Reford, Saskatchewan. In response, P & H has agreed to sell GrainsConnect's grain elevator business in Reford to a buyer to be approved by the government.

Drugs & Alcohol

Jun 1: A new law called *The Response to Illicit Drugs Act* took effect in Saskatchewan that allows the government and individual victims to recover costs from drug producers, traffickers, and traders. The Act also authorizes the province to void certain appointments, grants, and agreements if an individual or entity is convicted of offences involving fentanyl, methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, morphine, codeine, and other Schedule 1 drugs.

Action Point: Find out how to use the [OHS Insider Substance Abuse Compliance Game Plan](#) to curb drugs and alcohol at your workplace.

Workers' Compensation

Jun 1: The Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) published the new rates ([PRO 07/2026](#)) governing reimbursement of costs incurred by workers in traveling in personal vehicles to receive treatment for work-related injuries, to wit, 55 cents per kilometer for normal travel, 59 cents per kilometer for "Premium" travel (north of the 54th parallel) and a \$7.00 per day minimum.