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To: Regional Vice Presidents
Branches & Facilities

Transport Canada Clarifies Cannabis Use

This is an important follow up to the [B&F of November 6, 2018](#), regarding the legalization of cannabis in Canada. Effective **immediately**, Transport Canada has enacted a policy that prohibits air traffic controllers from consuming cannabis for **at least 28 days before being on duty**.

As the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) requires fitness for duty and that no person shall act as an air traffic controller while using or under the influence of any drug that impairs the person's faculties to the extent that aviation safety is affected, this new policy follows the best practices used in other government departments, such as the RCMP and DND, and uses best available science - a platform for well-informed decision-making in policy and management.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please speak with your RVP.

On behalf of the Executive Board,

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