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FINDINGS	
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Transport Canada Marine Safety	National Laws and Regulations
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Findings

The enactment of national laws and regulations lags behind the implementation dates of mandatory IMO instruments and regulations to which Canada has given tacit approval but to which Canada has not yet acceded. This may be due to a lack of staff resources at TCMS Headquarters to manage the volume of projects which are pending.

Applicable Provisions of the Audit Standard

Resolution A.973(24) Part I, Paragraph 7. "When a new or amended mandatory instrument enters into force for a State, the Government of that State must be in a position to implement and enforce its provisions through appropriate national legislation and to provide the necessary implementation and enforcement infrastructure.

Resolution A.973(24) Part I, Paragraph 7.3

"The availability of sufficient personnel with maritime experience to assist in the promulgation of the necessary national laws and to discharge all the responsibilities of the state, including reporting as required by the respective conventions.

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