

September 9, 2016

Daniel-Robert Gooch President, Canadian Airports Council 600 – 116 Lisgar Street Ottawa, ON K2P 0C2

Dear Mr. Gooch,

The Ottawa Airport has always followed the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) guidelines and therefore has no concerns with the proposed change from voluntary to regulation.

The concern The Ottawa Airport has is with the following paragraph:

"In terms of compliance with the proposed technical standards for each of the modes of transportation, the Agency is considering a requirement for carriers and terminals to obtain the Agency's approval for planned acquisitions of new equipment and major retrofits as well as for the construction of terminals and major renovations which would reasonably be expected to impact access by persons with disabilities."

Today, the Agency reviews compliance through occasional audits. Changing the process to require approval prior to purchasing new equipment or to proceeding with a major retrofit could cause delay if they aren't staffed to provide quick turnaround. We would be more agreeable to maintaining the current practise.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Laroche
President and CEO