

# Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency Regulatory Review

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# Who We Are

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- ❖ **Special Operating Agency within Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada**
- ❖ **Regulates and supervises betting on horse racing across Canada**

# Federal Role

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Ensure integrity of betting:

- Supervises operation of pari-mutuel systems
- Surveillance programs
- Drug Control

# Current Challenges

## ❖ Changing Environment:

- Globalization of betting options
- Increase in availability of other forms of gambling
- Changes/advances in technology

## ❖ The regulatory framework has not kept pace with changes

## ❖ Stakeholders seeking more progressive regulatory environment

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## Regulatory Framework Review

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❖ **Initiated in Spring 2006**

❖ **Objective: to ensure the most modern, effective, and efficient approach to protecting the betting public**

# The Process

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- ❖ **Broad-based Consultation**
  - **Provincial Regulatory Partners**
  - **Industry Representatives**
  - **Betting Public**
- ❖ **International Comparative Review**
- ❖ **Engagement of Outside ‘Expertise’**

# Considerations

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- ❖ **Avoid unnecessary impediments**
- ❖ **Cost benefit analysis**
- ❖ **Avoid overlap and duplication**
- ❖ **Greater regulatory compatibility of approaches with our international partners**

# What We've Heard

- ❖ **Strong support for Federal presence**
  - **Especially on Drug Control Initiatives**
- ❖ **Coordination of Activities**
  - **Especially where responsibilities are shared**
- ❖ **Modern regulatory structure, greater flexibility:**
  - **Bet types**
  - **Distribution methods**
- ❖ **Closer harmonization with International Models**



# Next Steps

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- ❖ **Continued consultations with Stakeholders on Input and Proposed Changes**
- ❖ **International Comparative Review**
- ❖ **Final Package Developed**
- ❖ **Implementation of Changes**

# Thank you – Merci

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