



## Passenger Company Fact Sheet

The [\*Passenger Rail Transportation Security Regulations\*](#) (the Regulations), made pursuant to the *Railway Safety Act*, were registered on October 6, 2020. The Regulations aim to mitigate the security risks associated with transporting passengers by rail in Canada and help support a safe and secure transportation system.

### What is a passenger company?

The Regulations define a passenger company and a small passenger company as follows:

**“passenger company** means a company whose operations include the transport of passengers by railway.”

**“small passenger company** means a passenger company that transported fewer than 60,000 passengers in one of the two previous calendar years.”

Note that a passenger company includes all passenger companies, both large and small. The Regulations refer to “passenger companies, other than small passenger companies,” in places where the requirements apply only to large passenger companies.

The requirements outlined in this document apply only to a “large passenger company”, or a “passenger company, other than a small passenger company.”

### What does this mean for my passenger company?

If the operation of your passenger company includes the transport of passengers by railway on federally regulated track, then it is subject to the Regulations. This means your company will be required to manage security risks by developing and implementing specific security practices.

The chart below outlines the key security requirements that apply to passenger companies and their associated coming into force dates:

| WHAT REQUIREMENT APPLIES    | REGULATORY REFERENCE | COMING INTO FORCE DATE |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Rail Security Coordinator   | Section 3            | October 6, 2020        |
| Security Reporting          | Section 4            | October 6, 2020        |
| Security Awareness Training | Section 2            | January 6, 2021*       |
| Security Inspections        | Section 5            | January 6, 2021        |
| Security Risk Assessment    | Section 6            | July 6, 2021           |
| Security Plan               | Section 7            | July 6, 2021           |
| Security Plan Training      | Section 8            | January 6, 2022        |
| Security Exercises          | Section 9            | January 6, 2022**      |

*\* The Regulations provide a 90-day grace period to passenger companies to implement their security awareness training program. All persons required to undergo security awareness training must receive the training by April 6, 2021.*

*\*\* The Regulations require that a discussion-based security exercise be conducted at least once a year and an operations-based security exercise be conducted at least once every five years from the coming into force date.*

To report threats or other security concerns to Transport Canada, please contact the Transport Canada Situation Centre by phone at 1-888-857-4003 or 1-613-995-9737 or by email at [TC.SitcenHQ-CentredinterventionAC.TC@tc.gc.ca](mailto:TC.SitcenHQ-CentredinterventionAC.TC@tc.gc.ca).

For more information, forms or templates, please visit our website at <https://tc.canada.ca/en/rail-transportation/keeping-canada-s-surface-transportation-secure/enhancing-passenger-rail-security>.

For copies of guidance documents to support the implementation of the Regulations, please contact us by email at [TC.Railsecurity-sureteferroviaire.TC@tc.gc.ca](mailto:TC.Railsecurity-sureteferroviaire.TC@tc.gc.ca).