

Oilseed Processors pleased with passage of C-49

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Oilseed processors welcomed the passage of Bill C-49, the Transportation Modernization Act. The Canadian Oilseed Processors Association (COPA) would like to thank Transport Minister Marc Garneau and Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lawrence MacAulay for their strong leadership in guiding this bill through the parliamentary process and ensuring critical provisions for the grain sector remain intact.

“Poor rail service has impacted oilseed processors and the farmers they buy from for years,” said Chris Vervet, Executive Director of COPA. “C-49 will finally give processors much needed tools to secure better service from railways, improve the competitiveness of the industry and encourage investments in value added agri-processing”

Bill C-49 increases accountability, transparency and competition in rail service. Important measures include Long Haul Interswitching, increased data reporting, reciprocal penalties and arbitrated Service Level Agreements.

“COPA appreciates the work of Parliamentarians in amending and passing C-49,” added Mr. Vervet. “Oilseed processors look forward to working with Transport Canada and the Canadian Transportation Agency to implement the legislation as quickly as possible.”

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