

# RELIABLE RAIL TRANSPORT IS IMPERATIVE TO THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE CHEMISTRY SECTOR

Many of CIAC's members are captive rail shippers – **there are no viable alternatives for shipments.** This can be because of:



Having service from only one rail carrier



Distance they are shipping



Volume of product



Type of products based on risk assessment



Costs

It takes three trucks to transport the capacity of a single rail car. Larger facilities would need **240 trucks per day to transport their goods without rail service.** This is in addition to any product they were already shipping by road.



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Access to a safe, reliable and competitively priced rail service is critical to the success of the Canadian chemistry industry.

- **\$63 million** of industrial chemical products move on Canada's rail network daily, **\$23 billion annually.**
- Chemicals account for **nearly 13%** of all Canadian rail traffic.
- Larger companies can ship and receive approximately **80 rail cars per day.**
- The economic impact of a rail work stoppage averages **\$1 million per day,** per facility.

CIAC member-company executives identify rail service as a **key factor in deciding whether to locate a new facility or expand operations in Canada.**



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