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Report of the Standing Committee on Official Languages

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Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)f), the committee has studied the proposed Official Languages administrative monetary penalties regulations and has agreed to report the following:



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The House of Commons Standing Committee on Official Languages reviewed the draft proposed regulations on official languages administrative monetary penalties tabled in the House of Commons on 26 November 2025 (sessional paper 8560-451-895-01) and agreed to report the draft proposed regulations with the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1

That section 2 of the *Official Languages Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulations* be amended to add, as designated bodies, the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA), as well as:

- a) any Crown corporation, and
- b) any corporation subject to the *Official Languages Act* under another Act of Parliament that meets the conditions set out in paragraphs 65.2(b) to (d), namely that they have duties under Part IV of the *Official Languages Act*, operate in the transportation sector, and engage in communications with, and provide or make services available to, the travelling public.

RELATED OBSERVATION

The Committee recognizes that that the Government regulatory power as well as the Committee's own recommendations respecting the scope of application of the proposed administrative monetary penalty regime are constrained by section 65.2 of the *Official Languages Act*, which limits its application to Crown corporations and corporations subject to the *Official Languages Act* under another Act of Parliament.

However, based on the testimony and submissions it received, the Committee is of the view that the objectives of the proposed Regulations would be better achieved if all



federal institutions, as defined in the Act, could be designated and made subject to the regime.

Accordingly, the Committee calls on the Minister to introduce legislative amendments to the *Official Languages Act* to expand the scope of section 65.2 so as to allow all federal institutions, as defined in that Act, to be designated and subject to the administrative monetary penalty regime.

Recommendation 2

That the proposed *Official Languages Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulations* be amended so as to remove paragraph 3(3) “Exception – Type A violation”.

Recommendation 3

That the proposed *Official Languages Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulations* be amended to provide that, in the case of a second or subsequent violation of the same or similar nature, the penalty imposed by the Commissioner be at least double the penalty imposed for the prior violation.

That the proposed *Official Languages Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulations* also be amended to provide that the maximum penalties set out in section 4 are doubled in respect of such second or subsequent violations.

Recommendation 4

That the *Official Languages Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulations* be amended to simplify and reduce the requirements regarding the contents of the notice of violation set forth in section 6.

APPENDIX A: LIST OF WITNESSES

The following table lists the witnesses who appeared before the committee at its meetings related to this report. Transcripts of all public meetings related to this report are available on the committee’s [webpage for this study](#).

Organizations and Individuals	Date	Meeting
<p>Department of Canadian Heritage</p> <p>Sarah Boily, Director General, Official Languages</p> <p>Julie Boyer, Assistant Deputy Minister, Official Languages, Heritage and Regions</p> <p>Richard Léger, Director, Official Languages Regulations Directorate</p> <p>Chantal Terrien, Manager, Official Languages Regulations</p>	2025/12/09	16
<p>Droits collectifs Québec</p> <p>Étienne-Alexis Boucher, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>François Côté, Senior Legal Officer</p>	2025/12/09	16
<p>Fédération des communautés francophones et acadienne du Canada</p> <p>John Mark Keyes, Mister</p> <p>Roger Lepage, Mister</p> <p>Liane Roy, President</p> <p>Hector Vera, Policy Director</p>	2025/12/09	16
<p>Air Canada</p> <p>Marc Barbeau, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary</p> <p>David Rheault, Vice President, Government and Community Relations</p>	2026/02/03	18
<p>As an individual</p> <p>Érik Labelle Westin-Eastaugh, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Université de Moncton</p>	2026/02/05	19

Organizations and Individuals	Date	Meeting
Canadian Air Transport Security Authority Eric Fortier, General Manager, Corporate Affairs Marc-André O'Rourke, Senior Legal Counsel	2026/02/05	19
Canadian Airports Council James Bogusz, Chair of the Small Airports Caucus Chris Phelan, Senior Vice President, Policy, Industry and Government Affairs Julie Pondant, Senior Director of Communications	2026/02/05	19
Marine Atlantic Inc. Patti Merrigan, Vice-President, Human Resources	2026/02/05	19

APPENDIX B: LIST OF BRIEFS

The following is an alphabetical list of organizations and individuals who submitted briefs to the committee related to this report. For more information, please consult the committee's [webpage for this study](#).

Air Canada

Fédération des communautés francophones et acadienne du Canada

REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Pursuant to Standing Order 109, the committee requests that the government table a comprehensive response to this report.

A copy of the relevant *Minutes of Proceedings* ([Meetings Nos. 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26 and 28](#)) is tabled.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvan Baker
Chair

