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Subject: RE: Reciprocal Class A/6 Licensing with France
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Good morning, Mr. Walker-Kierluk, and thank you for your detailed email regarding the reciprocal exchange of motorcycle licences between Alberta and France.

As previously stated, Alberta is open to the possibility of renegotiating our current agreement with France. As time allows, we intend to re-evaluate France's licence class equivalencies and licence qualification requirements.

Intergovernmental agreements are necessarily complex in nature and process, so it is not possible to say when an amendment, if deemed feasible by both jurisdictions, would be completed.

Thank you again for your information.

From: Samuel Walker-Kierluk [<mailto:samwalkerkierluk@me.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 11:22 PM
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Hello,

My name is Sam Walker-Kierluk. You may recall receiving a copy of my email query in December in regards to the reciprocal exchange of motorcycle licences with France. The response I received from the government (all previous correspondence is included in the link attached below) indicated that Alberta is open to the possibility of renegotiating the current agreement with France.

Based on that response, I have done an extensive amount of research on the subject in an attempt to inform myself and offer information to anyone who might find it useful, within the relevant departments of the governments of France and Alberta. This includes data regarding the motorcycle requirements for other jurisdictions with which France exchanges motorcycle licences (many of which seem to have even fewer restrictions than Alberta in regards to motorcycles), immigration data to justify the bother of it all, and much more.

To this end, I have launched a website dedicated entirely to this subject:

www.AlbertaFranceMotoLicence.info

I'm pretty proud of that one... coincidentally, "moto" refers to a motorcycle in French, so the URL is completely bilingual! :)

This website contains:

- Explanation of Reciprocal Licensing
 - Complete summary of Alberta's reciprocal licensing agreements

- Complete summary of France's reciprocal licensing agreements - *I have confirmed that France now exchanges motorcycle licences with four provinces in Canada, and am in the process of requesting an updated list from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
- Specifics to the agreement with Alberta and France
 - Benefits of reciprocal licensing, from each jurisdiction's standpoint, and benefits common to both jurisdictions
 - A page detailing a possible reason why motorcycle licences weren't included in the 2008 agreement, followed by details showing how many of the states with which France exchanges motorcycle licences have far inferior licensing schemes compared to Alberta
 - Immigration statistics to validate the reason I'm bringing this all up in the first place. (Did you know, in 2015, almost six thousand French nationals took up permanent residence in Canada, and that in 2015, 17.36 percent of all new permanent residents settled in Alberta?)
- Full details of correspondence with government entities, in the interest of transparency.
- Blog page with brief explanations of updates to the information on the site.

Although it has proven very difficult to find contact information for the government on the French side of things, I will be in touch with the Embassy of France in Ottawa, as they are, presumably, the department responsible for facilitating agreements with provincial governments.

I would appreciate to know of any action the Government intends to take regarding the exchange agreement with France, or the for not pursuing it should that be the case. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at all about this topic or the information I have gathered.

Kindest regards,
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