

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT
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People like to be able to rapidly search through large amounts of text to locate, for example, precedents in the transcripts of court cases. There are several programs that can do this and one of the more successful is called SONAR.

At the time the 11th edition of the Model Regulations became available electronically, Canada was in the process of arranging a significant number of licenses for the domestic use of SONAR. It was a simple matter to arrange for a few more licenses to cover the delegates to the Committee of Experts.

Canada provided the 11th edition on a cd-rom for those member countries of the Committee who advised they would like to receive such a copy.

Canada is prepared to repeat the exercise for the 12th edition in any language for which there is a demand and for which the text is available electronically to Canada.

Canada would also provide, at an appropriate break in a future meeting, a demonstration of SONAR's search features to interested delegates.

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