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Transport Minister Commended for Action on Phantom Vehicles and New Lighting Standards

OTTAWA (March 21, 2018) – The Minister of Transport, the Hon. Marc Garneau, today announced new requirements that will eliminate the danger of vehicles driving without lights on in the dark or in circumstances of poor visibility.

“The measures announced today by the Minister will significantly reduce the number of so-called ‘phantom’ vehicles travelling our roads,” said David Adams, President of the Global Automakers of Canada. “For too long, other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists have been put at risk by drivers who fail to put on their full headlight system when travelling at night. While we await the details of the final regulation, the measures the Minister announced today, along with the new vehicle lighting safety standards, appear to also ensure that Canadians will be able to benefit from the most robust vehicle lighting systems available globally,” added Adams.

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