

TOP 10 WEIRDEST BARRIERS TO TRADE

1 TRAFFIC JAM - Part I:
Some truck configurations must be driven at night in British Columbia — and only during the day in neighbouring Alberta. Insomniacs rejoice.

2 TRAFFIC JAM - Part II:
Some provinces impose limits on the use of high-tech fuel-efficient tires so truckers have to swap them out at the border. Pit crews not included.

3 THE GRAPES OF WRATH:
Only British Columbia, Manitoba and Nova Scotia allow direct-to-consumer wine shipments. Meanwhile, provincial liquor outlets charge high markups.

4 THE CHEESE POLICE:
Quebec's delicious array of unpasteurized cheeses can't be shipped outside of the province. Un-brie-lievable.

5 AN ALE-ING SYSTEM:
Beer bottle size standards differ across jurisdictions, forcing some brewers to spend money on parallel production systems if they want to sell to other parts of the country.

6 SIZE DOES MATTER:
The size of dairy creamers and milk containers differs across jurisdictions, forcing some companies to duplicate production streams.

7 CARBON OMISSIONS:
British Columbia and Alberta have a carbon tax while Quebec and Ontario — and soon Manitoba — have a cap-and-trade system, making it more costly to operate in more than one jurisdiction.

8 PAPERS PLEASE:
Companies often have to register in every province or territory in which they do business.

9 A STICKY SITUATION:
Provincial, territorial and federal standards for maple syrup grades differ. That's not so sweet.

10 ORGANIC FEUD:
Organic food standards are different across Canada, therefore limiting access to certain markets. Kale still tastes the same.