

Safe Food for Canadians Act &
Proposed Changes under the New Regulations

CANADA'S FOOD MODERNIZATION INITIATIVE PRESENT AND FUTURE

Canada's Food Modernization Initiative

Present

CFIA is responsible for enforcement of Canadian Agricultural Products Act (CAPA), Fish Inspection Act (FIA), Meat Inspection Act (MIA) and food-related provisions of the Canadian Packaging and Labeling Act (CPLA) and Food and Drug Act (FDA).

14 Regulations under these Acts:

- Dairy Products Regulations
- Egg Regulations
- Processed Egg Regulations
- Processed Products Regulations
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Regulations
- Honey Regulations
- Maple Products Regulations
- Licensing and Arbitration Regulations
- Organic Products Regulations, 2009 (OPR)
- Livestock & Poultry Carcass Grading Regulations
- Meat Inspection Regulations, 1990 (MIR)
- Consumer Packaging and Labelling Regulations (CPLR)
- Food and Drug Regulations (FDR)

Exceptions: food for personal use, on conveyances for crew or passengers, analysis, evaluation, research or food for exhibition 100kg or less, in-transit or in bond.

Future

The new Safe Food for Canadians Act (SFCA) consolidates the Fish Inspection Act, Meat Inspection Act, Canadian Agricultural Act, food related provision of Canadian Packaging and Labelling Act to modernize food safety legislation including modernizing inspection authorities. The SFCA aligns with food safety system with international trading partners.

Under the proposed Regulatory Framework are 3 Pillars:

- Promotion, Protection and Prevention

Main elements: licensing, preventative controls and traceability.

Improving food safety oversight to better protect consumers through:

- Tougher prohibitions, penalties and fines
- Better control over imports
- A more consistent inspection approach across all food commodities
- Strengthened food traceability
- Enhances international market opportunities,
- Authority to certify any food commodity for exports

Exceptions and exemptions proposed on certain regulated parties such as: Businesses with gross food sales \$30,000 or less. Alcoholic beverages, food additives, some unprocessed foods for further for preparation. Food for personal use, on conveyances for crew or passengers, analysis, evaluation, research or food for exhibition, in-transit or in bond.

Affected food businesses:

- Prepares food for interprovincial trade;
- Prepares food for export;
- Food importers and food exporters;
- Interprovincial traders of food;
- Fresh fruit and vegetable primary producers;
- Organic food industry.

Government agencies involved: CFIA, Health Canada, CBSA, Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), and Provincial/territorial governments.

Implementation on the proposed changes projected for April 2018.

Proposed

- A license/registration holder to import, export, manufacture or process food products, interprovincial trading
- A preventive Food Safety Control Plan (PFSCP)
- Maintain detailed records for compliance
- Food Recall Plan
- Meet labeling, packaging and standards requirements