

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

# LICENSING PRESENT AND FUTURE

# Licensing

## Present

License is required for certain food commodities. Currently businesses hold licenses under Canadian Agricultural Products Act (CAPA), Fish Inspection Act (FIA) or Meat Inspection Act (MIA) this will remain until the license expires. Once expired apply under new regulations SFCR. Not all food business requires a license today.

The Centre of Administration services provides licenses, permits, registration and ministerial exemptions.

**Licenses required for:** Cheese, Fish, and Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

**Registrations of Establishments:** Dairy, Processed & Shell Egg, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable, Honey, Maple and Processed Products, Meat & Poultry and Fish Processing

**Ministerial Exemptions, Permissions to Move & Maple Authorizations:** Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Potatoes, Apples, Processed Products and Maple Products

Meat establishments are registered and every operator of a registered establishment is licensed. Fish establishment are registered and fish importers are licensed. Fresh fruits & vegetables require voluntary registration for certain warehouses. Non-federally registered sector have no registration or licensing requirements.

## Future

Under the Proposed Regulations, licenses would be required for food importers, preparing food for export or for interprovincial trade, with some exceptions. License applications identified by business name and business activity.

Regulated parties have option to apply for one or multiple licenses. One single license covering all their operations in multiple establishments, multiple activities and types of foods. Or obtain multiple licenses, per each establishment, a license per activity such as import, export etc. and/or multiple licenses to cover unique combinations. The proposed license would be valid for two years and the license fee approximately \$250.00. The Minister may refuse to issue or renew license if applicant does not meet the requirements, provides false misleading information or has outstanding fees.

Apply online through MYCFIA account. Businesses already holding a license under CAPA, FIA, and MIA required to apply once license expires.

CFIA produce license no longer required for fresh fruit and vegetable dealers but apply for a DRC membership. Export certification through electronic process.

Proposal for NRI importers who do not have a fixed place of business in Canada, the NRI to hold a license if they have a fixed place of business in a foreign state that has a food safety system that provides same level of protection as Canada.

There are no interprovincial licenses or registration required today. Currently, establishments are required to be registered on an annual basis. Export certification applications are a manual process.

Currently, importers (NRI) do not have a Canadian fixed place of business.

## **Proposed**

### **Most food businesses will require a license to:**

- Import Food
- Manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label food to be exported or sold across provinces
- Export food product requiring an export certificate; even if not preparing the food
- Slaughter food animals where the meat product is to be exported or sold across provinces
- Store and handle a meat product in its imported condition for inspection by CFIA