

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

PREVENTIVE CONTROL PLANS PRESENT AND FUTURE

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Present

Preventive control plan (PCP) is a written document that sets out how food safety and other regulatory requirements would be achieved. Preventive control requirements are a combination of control measures (including a PCP) that provide for a science-based approach to managing risks posed by hazards and contribute to achieving compliance with other regulatory requirements.

Certain food sectors have food safety plans based on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles which include a Food Safety Enhancement Program (FSEP) and Quality Management Program (QMP) covered under the Dairy Products Regulations, Egg Regulations, Processed Egg Regulations, Processed Products regulations, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Regulations, Honey regulations, Maple Products Regulations, Meat Inspection regulations and Fish Inspection Regulations.

Current regulations require imported meat products to be sourced from a country with an inspection system that is approved by the Minister under the Meat Inspection Act (MIA). This will be maintained in the proposed Regulations.

Future

The proposed Regulations would require food to meet safety requirements and activities be conducted consistent with internationally recognized agricultural and manufacturing practices (Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP).

A written PCP required for every license holder, for growing or harvesting fresh fruits and vegetables, for exports or trading into another province unless exemption or exception applies. Maintenance of PCP on a yearly basis is being proposed.

Proposed

Key preventative control measures:

- sanitation, pest control, and non-food agents;
- conveyances and equipment
- conditions respecting establishments;
- unloading, loading and storing;
- competency (i.e. for staff);
- hygiene;
- communicable diseases and lesions; and
- investigation and notification,
- recalls, complaints and record-keeping.