

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

CANADA'S FOOD MODERNIZATION INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINES

Canada's Food Modernization Initiative

Implementation Timelines

The phased-in approach timelines are provided in the chart below. The proposed requirements on licenses, traceability, preventative controls and written Preventative Control Plan (PCP) deadlines range from immediately to 1 year, 2 year or 3 years as noted.

“All other foods” means any food other than meat, fish, eggs, processed egg, dairy, processed products, honey, maple products, fresh fruits and vegetables.

Written PCP Not Required – applies to honey, maple products, fresh fruits and vegetables.

License & Preventive Controls - Applicable to businesses that prepare food for interprovincial trade, applicable to food imports, to export food and food exporters who request an export certificate.

Written PCP - Applicable to importers of food, preparers of food for interprovincial trade and preparers of meat and fish for export. Applicable to preparers of food for export and to exporters (with no delayed application) if an export certificate is required or requested.

When the Safe Food for Canadians Act (SFCA) comes fully into force, it will repeal the Canadian Agricultural Products Act (CAPA), the Fish Inspection Act (FIA), the Meat Inspection Act (MIA) and the food-related provisions of the Canadian Packaging and Labelling Act (CPLA). Two federal legislative regimes within the CFIA mandate would apply to food in Canada — the Food and Drug Act (FDA) and the Safe Food for Canadians Act (SFCA). Food prepared for sale only within provinces will continue to be subject to the requirements of the FDA that generally apply to all food in Canada and to some requirements of the SFCA.

Under the proposed Regulations, the Minister may suspend or cancel a license for non-compliance and enforcement. Introduction of new contraventions based on level of risk and non-compliance. Monetary penalties may be applied up to a maximum of \$25,000 per infraction.

Overview of Phased Implementation Timelines

	Meat, Fish, Eggs, Processed Egg, Dairy, Processed Products, Honey, Maple products	Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	All Other Foods > 30K and > 5 Employees	All Other Foods > 30K and < 5 Employees	All Other Foods < 30K
License	Immediately	Immediately	+2 years	+2 years	+ 2 years
Traceability	Immediately (+1 year for growers and harvesters of fresh fruits and vegetables)	Immediately (+1 year for growers and harvesters of fresh fruits and vegetables)	+2 years	+2 years	+2 years
Preventive controls	Immediately	+1 year	+2 years	+ 3 years	+ 3 years
Written PCP	Immediately	+1 year	+2 years	+ 3 years	Not required