

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

NRI FOOD IMPORTER PRESENT AND FUTURE

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Present

Under the Canada-US Regulatory Cooperation Council Action Plan, the U.S. is currently recognized as a country that has the same food safety system, which provides a similar level of protection as Canada. Therefore, NRIs in the U.S. should be permitted to obtain a license under the new regulations.

Future

Under the new Safe Food for Canadians regulations, the CFIA is proposing to allow importers who do not have a fixed place of business in Canada to obtain a CFIA importer license, as long as they have an address in a country that Canada has officially recognized as having a food safety system that provides a similar level of protection as the Safe Food for Canadians Act.

The proposed regulations require that food meets safety requirements and that activities be conducted in accordance with internationally recognized agricultural and manufacturing practices, including Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP).

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
- Investigation and notification
- Recalls, complaints and record-keeping