

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

EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS PRESENT AND FUTURE

Exemptions and Exceptions

Present

Under the current regulations there are certain exceptions that apply to food products for licensing, permit, grading and labeling.

- Ministerial exemption for fresh fruit and vegetables on non-compliant products: Dispute Resolution Corporation (DRC) members
- Food for Personal use: Set maximum quantity limits, under CAD\$20, part of immigrant's effects. Food carried on any conveyance intended for the crew or passengers, food for scientific analysis, trade shows, and market evaluation, for research or for a food exhibition and in-transit shipments.
- Labeling and Nutrition Facts table requirement: specific prepackaged individual goods and certain products of specific serving size.
- Test Market Exemptions: Scientific and market analysis.
- Trade shows and exhibitions: <100kg not for sale, samples.
- Imported from the United States onto the Akwesasne Reserve for use by an Akwesasne resident.
- Transshipment of food commodities, bonded shipments.
- Not for human consumption, i.e., inedible meat product for pharmaceutical purposes and animal food.

Future

Under the new Regulations there are exemptions to licensing, preventative controls and written PCP requirements for:

- Alcoholic beverages
- FDA regulated food additives
- Certain unprocessed foods for further prepared (e.g., grains, oilseeds, pulses and other foods)
- Exceptions for PCP plan for small micro-sized businesses annual gross sales of \$30,000 or less. An exemption is valid for two years or as the specified date on the exemption order.

Proposed exemption

- Alcoholic beverages, food additives, some unprocessed foods for further processing grains, oilseeds, pulses, green coffee beans, hops, amaranth, barley, buckwheat, camelina, canola, chickpeas, cocoa beans, coffee beans, dry beans, dry faba beans, dry peas, flaxseed, hemp, lentils, maize (corn), millet, mustard seeds, oats, quinoa, rapeseed, rice, rye, safflower seeds, sorghum, soybeans, sugar beets, sugar cane, sunflower seeds, tea leaves, triticale, wheat, wild rice.
- Bottled water, salt, vitamins, minerals, synthetic colors and flavorings as they fall under the Food & Drugs Act.
- Processed pet foods, pet treats, animal feed.
- Foods for personal use, food for crew and passengers, scientific analysis, trade shows, or test market analysis, or products not intended for human consumption,
- Transshipment of food commodities through Canada in transit on a bond,
- Non-compliant food allowed on condition it is labeled "For further preparation only" and met compliance within 3 months
- Food imported from the U.S. onto the Akwesasne Reserve by a permanent resident of the Reserve for their use.