

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

TIMETABLE **BY FOOD SECTORS**

Timetable by Food Sector

CFIA will transition to a new licensing system that will grant licenses to a person or businesses to conduct specific activities relating to food such as manufacturing, treating, packaging. The current system of registering establishments would be replaced by the new licensing model once the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR) is fully in place January 15, 2019.

Review the table below to find out when you will need to comply with those requirements of the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR) related to licensing, preventive control plans (PCP), preventive controls and traceability.

Registration renewal under the Canada Agricultural Products, Fish Inspection Regulations, Meat Inspection Regulations, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Regulations, Honey Regulations or the Maple Products Regulations that expire before the SFCR comes into force, continue your normal process to renew your registration. That registration will be valid until it expires, even if the licensing date noted in the table below occurs before the expiry date of your registration.

The timetable provides the timeframes that can vary based on your business activity and level of trade. Refer to the activities that apply to your business to determine the relevant dates. The « X » is used to indicate when the requirements are not applicable or not required.

Timetable: Dairy products, eggs, processed egg products, processed fruit or vegetable products

Timetable: Fish

Timetable: Meat products and food animals

Timetable: Fresh fruit or vegetables

Timetable: Honey and maple products

Timetable: Unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverages

Timetable: Interprovincial trade of unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage

Timetable: Export of unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage

Timetable: Import of unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage

Timetable: Unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage

Timetable: Food additives and alcoholic beverages

Timetable: All other food

Dairy products, eggs, processed egg products and processed fruit or vegetable products

Activity	Licensing	PCP	Preventive Controls	Traceability
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label the food for interprovincial trade	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label the food for export	January 15, 2019	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 1}	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You trade the food interprovincially (sole activity)	X	X	X	January 15, 2019
You import the food	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You export the food (sole activity)	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 1}	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 1}	X	January 15, 2019
You sell the food to consumers at retail	X	X	X	January 15, 2019

Footnote 1: You need a licence and PCP **prior** to obtaining the certificate or other permission from CFIA.

“X” means not applicable (N/A).

Fish

Activity	Licensing	PCP	Preventive Controls	Traceability
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label fish for interprovincial trade or export	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You trade fish interprovincially (sole activity)	X	X	X	January 15, 2019
You handle fish on a conveyance for interprovincial trade or export	X	X	January 15, 2019	X
You import fish	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You export fish (sole activity)	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 1}	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 1}	X	January 15, 2019
You sell fish to consumers at retail	X	X	X	January 15, 2019

Footnote 1: You need a licence and PCP **prior** to obtaining the certificate or other permission from CFIA.

“X” means not applicable (N/A).

Meat products and food animals

Activity	Licensing	PCP	Preventive Controls	Traceability
You slaughter food animals for interprovincial trade or export	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label meat products for interprovincial trade or export	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You store and handle edible meat products in their imported condition for inspection by the CFIA	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You trade the meat products interprovincially (sole activity)	X	X	X	January 15, 2019
You import meat products	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You export meat products (sole activity)	Not required (unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA) ^{Footnote 1}	Not required (unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA) ^{Footnote 1}	X	January 15, 2019
You sell meat products to consumers at retail	X	X	X	January 15, 2019

Footnote 1: You need a licence and PCP **prior** to obtaining the certificate or other permission from CFIA.

“X” means not applicable (N/A).

Fresh fruit or vegetable

Activity	Licensing	PCP	Preventive Controls	Traceability
You grow or harvest fresh fruit or vegetables for interprovincial trade	X	<p>January 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000)</i> <small>Footnote 1</small></p> <p>Not required <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less)</i> <small>Footnote 1</small></p>	January 15, 2020	January 15, 2020
You package and label fresh fruits or vegetables in the field for interprovincial trade	<p>January 15, 2019 <i>(if they will not be subsequently manufactured, processed, treated, preserved, graded by a licence holder in another province)</i></p> <p>Not required <i>(if they will be subsequently manufactured, processed, treated, preserved, graded by a licence holder in another province)</i></p>	<p>January 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000)</i> <small>Footnote 1</small></p> <p>Not required <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less)</i> <small>Footnote 1</small></p>	January 15, 2020	<p>January 15, 2019 <i>(if you have a licence to package and label them in the field)</i></p> <p>January 15, 2020 <i>(if you do not have a licence to package and label them in the field)</i></p>
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label fresh fruits or vegetables for interprovincial trade	January 15, 2019	<p>January 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000)</i> <small>Footnote 1</small></p> <p>Not required <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less)</i> <small>Footnote 1</small></p>	January 15, 2020	January 15, 2019
You conduct interprovincial trade of fresh fruits or vegetables (sole activity)	X	X	X	January 15, 2019
You grow or harvest fresh fruit or vegetables for export	X	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> <small>Footnote 2</small>	January 15, 2020	January 15, 2020
You package and label fresh fruits or vegetables in the field for export	January 15, 2019	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> <small>Footnote 2</small>	January 15, 2020	January 15, 2019
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label fresh fruits or vegetables for export	January 15, 2019	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> <small>Footnote 2</small>	January 15, 2020	January 15, 2020

You import fresh fruits or vegetables	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000)</i> Footnote 1 Not required <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less)</i> Footnote 1	January 15, 2020	January 15, 2019
You export fresh fruits or vegetables (sole activity)	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> Footnote 2	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> Footnote 2	X	January 15, 2019
You sell fresh fruits or vegetables to consumers at retail	X	X	X	January 15, 2020

Footnote 1: Calculate your gross annual food sales from January 14, 2019 to January 14, 2020.

Footnote 2: You need a licence and PCP **prior** to obtaining an export certificate or other export permission from the CFIA.

“X” means not applicable (N/A).

Honey and maple products

Activity	Licensing	PCP	Preventive Controls	Traceability
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label honey or maple products for interprovincial trade	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000)</i> ^{Footnote 1} Not required <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less)</i> ^{Footnote 1}	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label honey or maple products for export	January 15, 2019	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 2}	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You trade honey or maple products interprovincially (sole activity)	X	X	X	January 15, 2019
You import honey or maple products	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019	January 15, 2019
You export honey or maple products (sole activity)	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 2}	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 2}	X	January 15, 2019
You sell honey or maple products to consumers at retail	X	X	X	January 15, 2019

Footnote 1: Calculate your gross annual food sales from January 14, 2018 to January 14, 2019.

Footnote 2: You need a licence and PCP **prior** to obtaining the certificate or other permission from CFIA.

“X” means not applicable (N/A).

For unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage

Unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage are listed in Schedule 1 of the SFCR. These are:
amaranth, barley, buckwheat, camelina, canola, chickpeas, cocoa beans, coffee beans, dry beans, dry fava beans, dry peas, flaxseed, hemp, hops, 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.

Tables for unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage are as follows based on business activity:

- 1: Interprovincial trade of unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage**
- 2: Export of unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage**
- 3: Import of unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage**
- 4: Sale to consumers at retail of unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage**

1. Interprovincial trade of unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage

Activity	Licensing	PCP	Preventive Controls	Traceability
<p>You manufacture, process, treat or preserve the unprocessed food</p>	<p>July 15, 2020</p>	<p>July 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>July 16, 2021 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have 4 employees or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>Not required <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p>	<p>July 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>July 16, 2021 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less OR if you have 4 employees or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p>	<p>July 15, 2020</p>
<p>You package or label unprocessed food into consumer prepackages</p>	<p>July 15, 2020</p>	<p>July 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>July 16, 2021 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have 4 employees or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>Not required <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p>	<p>July 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>July 16, 2021 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less OR you have 4 employees or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p>	<p>July 15, 2020</p>
<p>You package or label the unprocessed food into prepackages, other than consumer prepackages</p>	<p>July 15, 2020 <i>(if the unprocessed food: - is not intended to be processed, or treated for use as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage; and - is not labelled with "For Further Preparation Only")</i></p> <p>Not required <i>(if the unprocessed food: - is intended to be processed, or treated for use as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage; and - is labelled with "For Further Preparation Only")</i></p>	<p>July 15, 2020 <i>(if you have a licence to conduct the activity AND your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>July 16, 2021 <i>(if you have a licence to conduct the activity AND your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less OR you have 4 employees or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>Not required <i>(if you do not have a licence)</i></p>	<p>July 15, 2020 <i>(if you have a licence to conduct the activity AND your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>July 16, 2021 <i>(if you have a licence to conduct the activity AND your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less OR you have 4 employees or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>Not required <i>(if you do not have a licence)</i></p>	<p>July 15, 2020</p>

You conduct interprovincial trade of the unprocessed food (sole activity)	X	X	X	July 15, 2020
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Footnote 1: Calculate your gross annual food sales from January 14, 2019 to January 14, 2020.

“X” means not applicable (N/A).

2. Export of unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage

Activity	Licensing	PCP	Preventive Controls	Traceability
You manufacture, process, treat or preserve the unprocessed food	July 15, 2020 (unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA) <i>Footnote 2</i>	Not required (unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA) <i>Footnote 2</i>	July 15, 2020 (if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees) <i>Footnote 1</i> July 16, 2021 (if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less OR if you have 4 employees or less) <i>Footnote 1</i>	July 15, 2020
You package or label the unprocessed food into consumer prepackages	July 15, 2020 (unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA) <i>Footnote 2</i>	Not required (unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA) <i>Footnote 2</i>	July 15, 2020 (if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees) <i>Footnote 1</i> July 16, 2021 (if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less OR you have 4 employees or less) <i>Footnote 1</i>	July 15, 2020
You package or label the unprocessed food into prepackages, other than consumer prepackages	July 15, 2020 (if the unprocessed food: - is not intended to be processed, or treated for use as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage; and - is not labelled with "For Further Preparation Only") OR sooner if you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA) <i>Footnote 2</i> Not required (if the unprocessed food: - is intended to be processed, or treated for use as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage; and - is labelled with "For Further Preparation Only")	Not required (unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA) <i>Footnote 2</i>	July 15, 2020 (if you have a licence AND your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees) <i>Footnote 1</i> July 16, 2021 (if you have a licence AND your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less OR you have 4 employees or less) <i>Footnote 1</i> Not required (if you do not have a licence)	July 15, 2020
You export the unprocessed food (sole activity)	Not required (unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA) <i>Footnote 2</i>	Not required (unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA) <i>Footnote 2</i>	X	July 15, 2020

Footnote 1: Calculate your gross annual food sales from January 14, 2019 to January 14, 2020.

Footnote 2: You need a licence and PCP **prior** to obtaining the certificate or other permission from CFIA.

"X" means not applicable (N/A).

3. Import of unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage

Activity	Licensing	PCP	Preventive Controls	Traceability
You import consumer prepackaged unprocessed food	July 15, 2020	July 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	July 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	July 15, 2020
		July 16, 2021 <i>(if your gross annual food sales greater are than \$100,000 AND you have less than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	July 16, 2021 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have less than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	
		July 16, 2021 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less AND you have less than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	July 16, 2021 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less AND you have less than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	
You import unprocessed food that are not consumer prepackaged	July 15, 2020 <i>(if the unprocessed food: - is not intended to be processed, or treated for use as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage; and - is not labelled with "For Further Preparation Only")</i> Not required <i>(if the unprocessed food: - is intended to be processed, or treated for use as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage; and - is labelled with "For Further Preparation Only")</i>	July 15, 2020 <i>(if you have a licence AND your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	July 15, 2020 <i>(if you have a licence AND your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	July 15, 2020
		July 16, 2021 <i>(if you have a licence AND your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have 4 employees or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	July 16, 2021 <i>(if you have a licence AND your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have 4 employees or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	
		July 16, 2021 <i>(if you have a licence AND your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less AND you have 4 employees or less than)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	July 16, 2021 <i>(if you have a licence AND your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less AND you have 4 employees or less than)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i>	
		Not required <i>(if you do not have a licence)</i>	Not required <i>(if you do not have a licence)</i>	

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“X” means not applicable (N/A).

4. Unprocessed food used as grain, oil, pulse, sugar or beverage

Activity	Licensing	PCP	Preventive Controls	Traceability
You sell the food to consumers at retail	X	X	X	July 15, 2020

“X” means not applicable (N/A).

Food additives and alcoholic beverages

Activity	Licensing	PCP	Preventive Controls	Traceability
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label food additives or alcoholic beverages for interprovincial trade	X	X	X	X
You conduct interprovincial trade of food additives or alcoholic beverages from one province to another (sole activity)	X	X	X	July 15, 2020
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label food additives or alcoholic beverages for export	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 1}	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 1}	X	X
You export food additives or alcoholic beverages	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 1}	Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> ^{Footnote 1}	X	July 15, 2020
You import food additives or alcoholic beverages	X	X	X	July 15, 2020
You sell food additives or alcoholic beverages to consumers at retail	X	X	X	July 15, 2020

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“X” means not applicable (N/A).

All other foods

For the purposes of this table, 'all other food' refers to any food that does not fall into the above Timetables.

Activity	Licensing	PCP	Preventive Controls	Traceability
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label the food for interprovincial trade	July 15, 2020	<p>July 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>July 16, 2021 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have 4 employees or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>Not required <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p>	<p>July 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>July 16, 2021 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less OR if you have 4 employees or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p>	July 15, 2020
You conduct interprovincial trade of the food (sole activity)	X	X	X	July 15, 2020
You manufacture, process, treat, preserve, grade, package or label the food for export	<p>July 15, 2020</p> <p>OR sooner <i>if you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA</i> <i>Footnote 2</i></p>	<p>Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> <i>Footnote 2</i></p>	<p>July 15, 2020 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>July 16, 2021 <i>(if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less OR if you have 4 employees or less)</i> <i>Footnote 1</i></p>	July 15, 2020
You export the food (sole activity)	<p>Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> <i>Footnote 2</i></p>	<p>Not required <i>(unless you would like an export certificate or other export permission from CFIA)</i> <i>Footnote 2</i></p>	X	July 15, 2020

You import the food	July 15, 2020	<p>July 15, 2020 (if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees) <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>July 16, 2021 (if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have 4 employees or less) <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>Not required (if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less) <i>Footnote 1</i></p>	<p>July 15, 2020 (if your gross annual food sales are greater than \$100,000 AND you have more than 4 employees) <i>Footnote 1</i></p> <p>July 16, 2021 (if your gross annual food sales are \$100,000 or less OR if you have 4 employees or less) <i>Footnote 1</i></p>	July 15, 2020
You sell the food to consumers at retail	X	X	X	July 15, 2020

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