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Report Highlights:

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has announced a review of specific sections of the Seeds Regulations. The review includes the Seed and Seed Potato Regulation Modernization Survey which is open January 28-March 15. Farmers, seed industries, producer groups, commodity/value chain associations, breeders, government organizations, and other special interest groups are encouraged to participate in the survey.

On January 28, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced they will review specific sections of the [Seeds Regulations](#) as a component of the seed regulatory modernization (SEED-RM) process. CFIA states the goal of the review is to 1) improve responsiveness and consistency, 2) reduce complexity, 3) become adaptable and flexible to function in the modern, fast-changing world, and 4) protect producers and consumers by strengthening existing requirements. CFIA is seeking input from farmers, seed industries, producer groups, commodity/value chain associations, breeders, government organizations, and other special interest groups. The [seed and seed potato regulation modernization survey](#) (full survey attached) is open January 28-March 15. The sections of the Seeds Regulations under review include:

- **Part I-Seeds other than Seed Potatoes**
- **Part II-Seed Potatoes**
- **Part III-Variety Registration**
- **Part IV-Registration of Establishments that Prepare Seed and Licensing of Operators**

CFIA is interested in hearing thoughts and ideas from stakeholders on the following specific topics to help inform potential changes to the regulations:

Seed

- labelling
- grading and seed standards
- imports
- variety registration
- alternative service delivery

Seed potato

- standards for classes
- tuber grade sizes
- standards for tubers
- application for crop inspection
- conditions for crop inspection
- breeders' selection
- tuber storage
- tags
- packaging and marking

Note that the review will not include:

- value creation
- plant breeders' rights
- plant breeding innovations
- plant protection program

- Ministerial Exemptions for potatoes

For additional information please see [seed regulatory modernization](#) and [Canada's current seed regulatory framework - seed regulatory modernization](#). Additional documents attached to this report include:

- Complete Seed and Seed Potato Regulation Modernization Survey
- Seed Regulatory Modernization: Executive summary prepared by Synthesis Agri-Food Network for SEED-RM;
- Canada's Seed Regulatory Framework: A primer for Seed Regulatory Modernization prepared by Synthesis Agri-Food Network for SEED-RM; and
- Looking Ahead: Trends and forces impacting the future of the seed industry prepared by Synthesis Agri-Food Network for SEED-RM.

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Attachments:

[CFIA ACIA - #14651502 - v2A - Canadas Seed Regulatory Framework A primer for Seed Regulatory Modernization.PDF](#)

[CFIA ACIA - #14651503 - v1 - Looking Ahead Trends and Forces Impacting the Future of the Seed Industry.PDF](#)

[CFIA ACIA - #14651505 - v2A - Seed Regulatory Modernization Executive Summary.PDF](#)

[CFIA ACIA - #14707017 - v1 - Needs Assessment Survey for both Seed & Seed Potato-English.PDF](#)