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**Report Highlights:**

On March 27, 2020 the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), in collaboration with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), announced a major revision to the FSIS Export Library for Canada.

The changes capture Canada's [Safe Food for Canadians Regulations](#) (SFCR) which came into force in January 2019. CFIA has provided additional [guidance and timelines](#), as certain commodities have variable timelines under which SFCR requirements will come into force. For meat products and food animals, all businesses should have been compliant with SFCR by January 15, 2019 (see Table 1). Further guidance from CFIA pertaining to meat products and food animals is [available](#) and additional guidance documents are pending.

FSIS stated that changes to the Export Library for Canada were made in order, "to make it more user friendly and ensure that outdated and unclear requirements were clarified or removed."

Given the extensive changes in the Export Library for Canada, the asterisk (\*) search function to find updates is unavailable. Exporters are encouraged to review the Export Library for any products they export to Canada to ensure that they are compliant with any changes. FSIS inspection program personnel will be relaying this information to industry. Questions may be referred through [askFSIS](#).

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.