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### **Preliminary Text of SFCA Regulations Published**

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**Report Highlights:**

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) published its preliminary text of proposed regulations that would bring the *Safe Food for Canadians Act* into force. Thirteen sets of regulations will be consolidated and replaced with one set of regulations – the Safe Food for Canadians Act Regulations. CFIA is seeking feedback on the draft. The consultation window is short – comments must be received by June 30, 2015.

**Preliminary Text of Proposed SFCA Regulations Available for Comment**

**General Information:**

On April 21, 2015, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) made public its preliminary draft of proposed regulations that would bring the *Safe Food for Canadian Act (SFCA)* into force. The Safe Food for Canadian Act, which received Royal Assent on November 22, 2012, consolidates the authorities of the *Fish Inspection Act*, the *Canada Agricultural Products Act*, the *Meat Inspection Act* and the food provisions of the *Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act*. Due to this consolidation of authorities, thirteen sets of regulations will be replaced with one set of regulations – the Safe Food for Canadians Act Regulations.

**The Affected Thirteen Set of Current Regulations Are:**

**Under the *Fish Inspection Act*:**

**Fish Inspection Regulations** (URL: [http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,\\_c.\\_802/index.html](http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._802/index.html) )

**Under the *Canadian Agricultural Products Act*:**

**Dairy Products Regulations;** URL: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-79-840/index.html>

**Egg Regulations;** URL: [http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,\\_c.\\_284/index.html](http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._284/index.html)

**Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Regulations;** URL: [http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,\\_c.\\_285/index.html](http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._285/index.html)

**Honey Regulations;** URL: [http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,\\_c.\\_287/index.html](http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._287/index.html)

**Organic Products Regulations;** URL: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2009-176/index.html>

**License and Arbitration Regulations;** URL: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-84-432/index.html>

**Livestock and Poultry Carcass Grading Regulations;** URL: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-92-541/index.html>

**Maple Products Regulations;** URL: [http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,\\_c.\\_289/index.html](http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._289/index.html)

**Processed Egg Regulations;** URL: [http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,\\_c.\\_290/index.html](http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._290/index.html)

**Processed Products Regulations;** URL: [http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,\\_c.\\_291/index.html](http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._291/index.html)

**Under the *Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act* (as it relates to food):**

**Consumer Packaging and Labelling Regulations;** URL: [http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,\\_c.\\_417/index.html](http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._417/index.html)

**Under the Meat Inspection Act:**

**Meat Inspection Regulations, 1990;** URL: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-90-288/index.html>

Details on the process to date can be found at the following web address: <http://inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/acts-and-regulations/regulatory-initiatives/sfca/progress-on-the-consolidation-of-food-regulations/eng/1419984548471/1419984608208>

A number of documents are incorporated by reference and will be found on the webpage accessed through the link above.

The preliminary draft can be accessed at the following URL address:

[http://inspection.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-aboutcfia-sujetacia/STAGING/text-texte/regs\\_safe\\_food\\_regulations\\_cnsldtn\\_foodregs\\_1427726282343\\_eng.pdf](http://inspection.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-aboutcfia-sujetacia/STAGING/text-texte/regs_safe_food_regulations_cnsldtn_foodregs_1427726282343_eng.pdf)

**Outline of the Draft Regulation:**

Part 1: Sets out the terms used in the draft.

Part 2: Describes **general trade regulations** as well as those applicable to the trade of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Part 3: Addresses **licenses**.

Part 4: Describes the necessary **preventive controls**.

Part 5: States the regulations on **traceability**.

Part 6: Provides additional, **commodity specific requirements**. Commodities under this section include eggs, processed egg products, fish, fresh fruits and vegetables, and meat products and food animals.

Part 7: States the regulations that will govern **recognition of foreign systems**.

Part 8: Covers **ministerial exemptions**.

Part 9: Addresses **inspection legends**.

Part 10: Addresses **packaging** regulations.

Part 11: Addresses labelling **regulations**.

Part 12: Provides the regulations on **standards of identity** for the various products.

Part 13: States the regulations for **grades and grade names**.

Part 14: Provides the draft regulations on **seizure and detention**.

Part 15: Covers regulations for **organic products**.

**Consultations close on June 30, 2015.** Comments on the draft summary of proposed regulatory texts can be forwarded to [cfia-modernisation-acia@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:cfia-modernisation-acia@inspection.gc.ca).