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Canadian Food Inspection Agency



Our vision:

To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

Our mission:

Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

CFIA Import Processes and Requirements

Presentation for CBMU June, 2014



Overview of Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Mandate

CFIA is dedicated to safeguarding food, plant and animals which enhances the health and well being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

CFIA works from farm gate to consumers plate to protect public health. At CFIA, the safety of Canada's food supply is central to everything we do.

The Agency's services can be separated into three general categories:

Domestic; Import; Export



Overview of CFIA About the CFIA...

The CFIA is the Government of Canada's key science-based regulator for

- Food safety
- Animal health and
- Plant Protection

The CFIA, in collaboration and partnership with industry, consumers, and federal, provincial and municipal organizations, work towards protecting Canadians from preventable health risks related to food and zoonotic diseases







Food, Plant, Animal Products and sectors we regulate

- Dairy Products
- Egg and egg products
- Fish and seafood
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Honey

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- Maple products
- Meat and poultry products
- Organic products
- Non-federally registered sector
- Processed fruit and vegetables
- Packaging materials
- Retail food sector

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Food, Plant, Animal Products and sectors we regulate

CFIA plays an important role in protecting Canada's resource base from plant pests and animal diseases .

- Fertilizers
- Forestry commodities and wood packaging material and dunnage
- Grains & field crops
- Insects
- Plants with novel traits
- Potatoes
- Seeds
- Horticulture Commodities Aquatic Animals
- Feeds
- Terrestrial Animals







Overview of CFIA Acts and Regulations

CFIA is responsible for the administration and enforcement of :

Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Act Canada Agricultural Products Act Feeds Act Fertilizers Act Fish Inspection Act Health of Animals Act

Meat Inspection Act

Plant Breeder's Rights Act

Plant Protection Act

Seeds Act.

Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act and

Food and Drugs Act as it relates to food

Safe Food for Canadians Act

The Government of Canada is taking further action to strengthen Canada's world-class food safety system with the launch of the Safe Food for Canadians Action Plan.

The Action Plan aims to strengthen Canada's food safety system through:

- stronger food safety rules,
- more effective inspection,
- a renewed commitment to service, and
- more information for consumers.

Over the next two years, the CFIA will launch a number of significant food safety enhancements.

The Agency will work with consumer groups and industry to develop new regulations that will bring into force the <u>Safe Food for Canadians Act</u> passed in November 2012.



Protecting the Borders Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA)

In 2003, the CBSA assumed responsibility for the initial import inspection services in respect of the Acts and Regulations administered by the CFIA at the Canadian border entry points.

CFIA and the CBSA have a Memorandum of Understanding which outlines the administrative and operational roles and responsibilities of the two agencies.

All commercial imports of food, plant, and animal and their products must be referred to CFIA for clearance purposes.







CBSA CFIA Co-operative Framework

<u>CBSA</u>

Travellers inspection

Initial commercial shipment inspections of CFIA regulated commodities

Cargo holds

Refer violations

Order destroyed/ order reexported

Collection of Data

Approve Low Risk CFIA regulated goods

Release goods

<u>CFIA</u>

Risk assessment based on CFIA risk analysis

Regulations & Policy development

Trade compliance

Documentation review of imported high risk food, plant and animal commodities

Domestic Inspections

Import Inspections

Export and re-export



CFIA Import processes Programs and services for commercial importers

The CFIA has several programs and services for commercial importers. These include:

- National Import Service Centre
- Automated Import Control and Tracking Systems
- Info Kit for brokers
- Good Importing Practices for Food
- Food and Horticulture Products Import Guide for fairs and shows in Canada





CFIA- National Import Service Centre (NISC)

NISC is a single window of service for brokers, importers, CBSA and the general public to obtain import information for all commodities regulated by CFIA.

NISC specialists processes import request documentation and data sent by the importing community across Canada and provides frontline screening to ensure that imported food, plant and animal products meet Canadian requirements.

NISC specialists review the information and return the decision either electronically or paper stamped to the CBSA, which then relays the decision to the broker.





CFIA- National Import Service Centre (NISC)

NISC is open 20 hrs a day seven days a week.

- National Import Service Centre 7:00 a.m. to 03:00 a.m. (Eastern Time)
 - Telephone and EDI: 1-800-835-4486 (Canada or U.S.A.) 1-289-247-4099 (local calls and all other countries)
- Facsimile: 1-613-773-9999





Automated Import Reference System(AIRS)

AIRS is a resource tool for CBSA, brokers, importers and the general public available through the internet found at: .

www.inspection.gc.ca

AIRS is a user-friendly, searchable database of CFIA import requirements. Through a series of questions and answers, the system leads users through applicable regulations and policies to information on all CFIA import requirements for specific commodities.



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	0	B Edible fruits and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons	
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	UC/	A California	
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	8	5 Container weighing less than 200 kg	
	Recommendations to CBSA	Documentation and Registration Requirements	
	Refer to CFIA-NISC(must be	accompanied by the following documents\registrations):	
	 Phytosanitary Certifica 	te	
	 USDA Inspection Certif 	cate (FV-205)	
	CFIA Fresh Fruit and V	egetable Licence Number or DRC Membership Number	The documents listed here must be
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Harmonized System Code (HS) and CFIA Service Option (OGD extension)

HS is an international commodity classification system used in international trade.

Incorrect use of HS Codes can results in potential introduction of non-permitted commodities.

There is a list published on the CBSA site for OGD (<u>http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/eservices/ogd-amg/hs-sh-</u> <u>eng.html#cfia</u>). This list is updated by CFIA but should be used as a guide in conjunction with the AIRS tool.

The necessary EDI coding (for example 95.07.00) is available by searching the AIRS.





Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

Since 1997 the CFIA has been receiving import information electronically from CBSA for release recommendation purposes The current electronic process is supplemented with a parallel process where supporting documentation is faxed to the CFIA to support a release

*The CFIA is aiming to improve the current process through the Single Window Initiative (SWI)





Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

EDI is a communication interface between CFIA-and CBSA, and is available seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day (when an automated decision can be made). Requirements are determined by those outlined in AIRS.

- LOW RISK Shipments are AUTO APPROVED by the System.
- All HIGH RISK shipments that require CFIA review are placed on the National Import service centre work queue.



All permits, certificates and other import documents are faxed to the NISC prior to the Importer/Broker sending electronic message, IN EDI, through Digital Document Store.

In excess of 1.6 million import transactions are handled by CFIA every year





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Dairy

December 14, 2008 Federal Regulation came into force to introduce requirement for a cheese import licence. The cheese imported by non licensed cheese importers will be refused entry.

The Export and Import Permits Act requires an Import Permit for many dairy products. Please contact the International Trade Canada in Ottawa for further information on permits,

(613) 996-2594 prior to importing.

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Without import permit product may still be imported, but a higher tariff rate will be imposed. Cheese imported without cheese quota have a tariff of up to 280% (Dept. of International Affairs).

http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/dairy-products/manuals/dairy-productsinspection-manual/chapter-16/eng/1335877096502/1335878112465 Canada

	PRODUCTS INCLUDED	DAIRY FEE & IMPORT DEC*	AIRS HS CODES
MILKS (FRESH AND CONCENTRATED) AND MILK BY-PRODUCTS	Sterilized milk, Sterilized cream, skim milk powder, whole milk powder, partly skimmed milk powder, evaporated milk, evaporated skim milk, evaporated partly skimmed milk, sweetened condensed milk, buttermilk powder, whey powder, acid-type whey powder, blended skim milk and whey powder	Yes	040130350702, 040120350402, 040210351701, 040221352001, 040221352002, 040229352301, 040291352301, 040229352302, 040291352302, 040229352303, 040291352303, 040299352701, 040390354002, 040410354302, 040410354303, 0404903547
	Skimmed milk, partly skimmed milk, milk, liquid cream, cream powder, buttermilk, curdled milk or cream (sour cream), kephir, evaporated whey, whey as a packing material for cheese, other modified whey	No	040110350101, 040120350301, 040120350302, 040120350401, 040130350701, 040221352003, 040390354001, 040390354003, 040390354004, 040410354301, 040410354306, 040410354399
	Colostrum, including colostrum whey	No	0404901000
BUTTER	Butter, butter oil (clarified butter, ghee), anhydrous butter oil, whey butter, butter with flavour or seasoning, butter with (naming the fruit, vegetable, or relish), whipped butter, cultured butter	Yes	040510355700, 040590356301, 040590356302, 040410354304,
	Light butter, calorie reduced butter, dairy spreads	Yes	040520356001, 040520356002, 0405203560
MISCELLANEOUS PREPARATIONS OF MILK OR MILK BY-PRODUCTS	Butteroil sugar blends, confectionery blends, other blended preparations of dairy products	No	210690725305
CHEESE	(Naming the variety) cheese, Cheddar cheese, cream cheese, whey cheese, cream cheese with (named added ingredients), cream cheese spread, cream cheese spread with (named added ingredients), processed (named variety) cheese, processed (named variety) cheese with (named added ingredients), processed cheese food, processed cheese spread with (named added ingredients), cold-pack cheese food, cold-pack cheese food with (named added ingredients), coltage cheese and creamed cottage cheese	Yes	All products under 0406, (except 040610356612 for personal use)
PROTEIN CONCENTRATES	Whey protein concentrates (<80% whey proteins on dry weight basis), whey protein isolates, milk protein concentrates, milk protein isolates, milk albumin and derivatives	No	040410354305, 3502200000, 3502201854, 210610,
CASEIN	Casein, caseinates and casein related products (including rennet casein)	Yes	3501100000, 3501101850, 040410354305, 3501101851, 3501900000
YOGURT	Yogurt, Kishek	No	0403103537, 0403103538
FROZEN DAIRY PRODUCTS	Ice cream, light ice cream, sherbet/sherbert/sorbet (dairy), frozen dairy desserts, ice milk	Yes	210500377501, 210500377502, 210500377503, 190190372508, 210500377505
MIX FOR FROZEN DAIRY PRODUCTS	Ice cream mixes, light ice cream mixes, ice milk mixes, milk shake mixes, frozen dairy dessert mixes,	Yes	180690367504, 190190372504, 180690367505, 190190372505, 180690367506, 190190372506, 180690367503, 190190372509, 180690367507, 190190372507
FLAVOURED MILK POWDERS	Chocolate milk powder	No	180690367501, 190190372501, 180690367599, 190190372599
	Malted milk powder, flavoured or not	Yes	180690367502, 190190372502, 190190372503

*For historical reasons dairy fees are only to be charged on products standardized by the Dairy Products Regulations. The dairy fee is applicable on IREP products for standardized products only, as indicated in the DAIRY FEE & IMPORT DEC column. Non commercial imports of <\$20 and <20 kg are exempt from dairy fees and do not require an import declaration.



Fish

Ensure compliance to the Federal Regulations and Policies (safety, wholesomeness, composition, labelling) through inspection and enforcement activities.

<u>licensing (importers)</u> and registration (processing plants) auditing/inspection investigating consumer and trade complaints

Commercial imports of FISH and SEAFOOD for human consumption

fresh, frozen, live, canned, pickled, marinated fish, molluscs, crustaceans etc.

Technically if it has fish or seafood in it, it is a fish product

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Honey

HS Description : 040900117700

Honey from certain countries may be targeted for CFIA inspection, including detention.

Refer to the Canadian Import, Export and Interprovincial Requirements for Honey (<u>http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/honmiel/</u> <u>cdnreqe.shtml</u>) for information on the grade, standard container sizes, labelling and health & safety requirements.

Compliance assistance fee may apply as prescribed by the <u>Canadian Food Inspection Agency Fees Notice</u>. Importers may be asked to demonstrate all country origins of the honey being imported.

There must be a statement of the end use of the product being imported





Egg & Egg Products

Shell eggs, processed eggs, cooked eggs, liquid egg whites (albumen), yolk, and whole egg (other program requirements may also apply).

These products can only be accepted if they are produced in a country that does not pose animal health concerns to Canada.

Currently only the USA is eligible to export eggs to Canada.

In some cases (origin dependent):

- A zoo sanitary health certificate could be required for Animal Health purposes or
- Prohibited due Animal Disease status.







Meat Products Meat Inspection Act

9. (1) No person shall import a meat product into Canada unless

- (*a*) at the time it was prepared for export, the country from which it originated and any country in which it was processed had meat inspection systems, those systems and the relevant establishments in those countries were approved in writing by the Minister before that time and the approvals were valid at that time;
- (b) that person provides an inspector with evidence satisfactory to the Minister that it meets the prescribed standards for imported meat products;
- (c) it meets the prescribed standards for imported meat products; and
- (d) it is packaged and labelled in the manner prescribed.





Meat Products

- Exporting Country must have an equivalent meat inspection system
 - * Legislation
 - *Hazard Analysis Critical Control Program (HACCP)
 - * Disease surveillance programs
 - *Veterinary infrastructure

Note: Approval for each species eg. chicken, beef, pork





In cases where country is not free of serious animal disease (except BSE) importations are generally limited to

1) Commercially sterile, cooked, canned meat products that are shelf stable

Some serious animal diseases are transmissible via meat

- Most of these are viruses which are destroyed by a cooking processes
- Except BSE- prion which is a protein and not a virus and is not destroyed by simple cook process



Country Eligibility



Chapter 10: Annex A



Food Labelling

It is the responsibility of all regulated parties to comply with the *Food and Drugs Act* (FDA) and the *Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act* (CPLA). Among other purposes, these Acts are intended to enable consumers to make informed food choices based on information that is truthful and not misleading.

CFIA's has an **Online Labelling Tool - Food Labelling for Industry** to learn about food labelling requirements in Canada:

http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/labelling/food-labelling-forindustry/eng/1383607266489/1383607344939





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Food Labelling for Industry

Food Products that Require a Label

Labelling Requirements Checklist

Core Labelling Requirements

General Principles for Labelling and Advertising

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Food Recall Warnings

Acts and Regulations

Labelling

Contacts

Food Labelling for Industry

Labelling Legislative Framework

Labelling Modernization Initiative

Meat Cuts Manual

Updates



Bilingual Labelling	Common Name
Country of Origin	Date Markings
Identity and Principal Place of Business	Irradiated Foods
Legibility and Location	List of Ingredients and Allergens
Net Quantity	Nutrition Labelling
Sweeteners	

The Industry Labelling Tool is the food labelling reference for all food inspectors and stakeholders in

Canada. It replaces the Guide to Food Labelling and Advertising, and the Decisions page to provide

consolidated, reorganized and expanded labelling information. This tool provides:

Claims and Statements

Advertising

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Safe Food Production

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is proposing new regulations to improve oversight of imported food products in the Non-Federally Registered Sector (NFRS). This regulatory proposal would:

- · Strengthen the accountability of food importers for the safety of their products;
- · Allow the CFIA to better identify and engage importers; and
- Improve importers' ability to quickly identify, respond to and advise the CFIA of potentially unsafe imported food.

The proposed regulations <u>will apply to imported food products</u> that are not already regulated under commodity-specific regulations under the *Canada Agricultural Products Act*. Examples of such products include, but are not limited to:

- Bakery products
- · Confectionery/chocolate
- · Grains, breads and cereals
- Juices
- Snack foods

- Beverages
- Coffee and tea
- Fats and oils
- Infant formula
- Meal replacements and formulated liquid diets
- Spices and seasonings



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Plant Health Regulated Commodities

Horticulture Commodities: such as fruits and vegetables, greenhouse and nursery ornamentals, flower bulbs, potatoes





Root crops raw or unprocessed

Examples are carrots, beets, radishes, yams,

onions, garlic, mushrooms, ginger



May require a Plant Protection Import Permit

CFIA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Licence Number or Dispute Resolution Corperation (DRC) Membership Number

Import Permit is obtained from the Permit Office in the Plant Health and Biosecurity Directorate in Ottawa prior to material being shipped from the country of origin. Import Permit will not be issued for a shipment once it has left the country of origin.

Material must be clean and free of pests and/or soil, and if packaged in containers, the containers must be new.



D- 95-08: General Import Requirements for Fresh Temperate Fruits from the World

Apples, grapes, nectarines, peaches, cherries pears are some examples of Temperate fruits.

Example:

- Grapes from off shore require a phytosanitary certificate, import permit and fumigation. The phyto sanitary certificate must contain the treatment details.
- Apples from offshore require a phytosanitary certificate and an additional declaration for pear leaf blister moth.
- Reason; The pest associated with commodities that we grow in Canada have a potential to survive.

http://www.inspection.gc.ca/plants/plant-protection/directives/date/ d-95-08/eng/1322413085880/1322413348292







Plant Health Regulated Commodities

Field Crops: such as grains/cereals, pulses, oilseeds, forages







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Risks of importing Plants and Plant Products

Plants and Plant Products may

Have pests that are not established in and or are partially established in Canada –
 Invasive Alien Species, IAS

• woolly cup grass



Be pathways for introducing plant pests

- wood products may bring tree pests
- fruit trees and grapevines may transport plant viruses

host quarantine diseases of other plants

• Barberry plants, which acts as a host for wheat stem rust





Pre- Arrival Review System (PARS)

PARS is aimed at improving service and compliance. Waiting times at the point of importation are significantly reduced.

The key element of PARS is a bar-coded cargo control number which the exporter or carrier applies to the top right-hand corner of the original CBSA invoice for each shipment.

All other required documents must also be provided - certificates of origin, invoices, declarations, etc.

The importer or broker must submit the CFIA-PARS release package a minimum of four hours and maximum of 30 days before the goods are scheduled to arrive in Canada.

Exception: Meat from the USA whereby the shipment must arrive on Canadian soil within 72 hours.


Import Process Information Flow Diagram (1 of 2)



Import Process Information Flow Diagram (2 of 2)



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Meat Exports

Meat Inspection Act- Trade in Meat Products

Export

- 7. No person shall export a meat product out of Canada unless
- (*a*) it was prepared or stored in a registered establishment that was operated in accordance with this Act and the regulations;
- (*b*) that person provides an inspector with evidence satisfactory to the Minister that the meat product meets the requirements of the country to which it is being exported; and
- (c) that person obtains a certificate from an inspector authorizing the export of that meat product.

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Meat Export Requirements

Meat and Poultry Products-Manual of Procedures Chapter 11 - Export 11.7 Special Requirements by Export Markets

While the CFIA is responsible for ensuring that specific requirements as described in the appropriate sections have been met prior to certifying shipments for export, it is the responsibility of EXPORTER to determine what special requirements are demanded by the importing country, in respect to permits, prohibited products, special procedures and certification, and to meet applicable requirements.

http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/meat-and-poultry-products/ manual-of-procedures/chapter-11/eng/ 1362883479397/1362883578588?chap=7



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- Barbados This page is currently under review.
- Belarus
- Belize
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- <u>Bolivia</u>
- Brazil
 - Annex 1 List of Establishments Approved to Export to Brazil
- <u>Cayman Islands</u> This page is currently under review.
- <u>Chile</u>
 - Annex C Canada-Chile Comparative Beef Cut Nomenclature Table
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Dairy Export

Dairy Products Regulations

- **24.** (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), no person shall export a dairy product unless the dairy product
 - (a) was prepared in a registered establishment in accordance with these Regulations; and
 - (*b*) meets the requirements of the standards established by these Regulations for the product.
- (3) A dairy product that does not meet the requirements of these Regulations may be exported where
 - (*a*) an inspector is provided with a signed statement from the shipper that the dairy product meets the requirements of the importing country; and
 - (*b*) the statement referred to in paragraph (*a*) is included in the export documentation.



Agency Transformation- Exports

To strengthen our legislative foundation, regulatory programs and inspection delivery

•Automated system to exchange information and issue certificates across all business lines through a single point of contact

•Exports will be authorized based on the Act and regulations in consideration with a licensee's compliance with export requirements





Agency Transformation- Exports

- Building a single, unified export certification process applicable to all business lines
- Automating administrative process steps
- Centralizing non-automated administrative tasks
- Delivering export certification based upon clear service delivery standards defined in the User Fees Notice
- Communicating to stakeholders regarding the export certification process and export requests





In bond or In Transit Shipments

There are no in bond or in transit exemptions.

CFIA requires all high risk shipments to go through regular CFIA clearance procedures and meet CFIA requirements before entering Canada.





Broker Info Kit:

Review role & responsibilities of main partners involved in Food, Plants and Animals Import Controls (Brokers, CFIA-NISC, CBSA)

Gives specific indications to brokers on:

- transportation modes (land, air, marine)
- transmission modes (paper, EDI)

Update references, contacts and focus on specific requests to deal with the CFIA National Import Service Centres (ISC) paper/ EDI





Imports a Shared Responsibility

The industry, the importers, the brokers, the transporters and all the participants to the international trade plays an important role in keeping Canada's food, plants and animals safe.





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