

Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition



Annual Report for 2011

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CFA Boardroom in Ottawa and via
Conference Call & Webcast

Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition



- **Our Vision:** *Canada's agriculture, fisheries and food industry will have a world-class reputation for producing and selling safe food.*

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- Our Mission: *To facilitate, through dialogue within the food industry and with all levels of government, the development and implementation of a national, coordinated approach to food safety to ensure credibility in domestic and international marketplaces.*

2011 Priorities



- Member Relations
- Emergency Preparedness Planning
- Follow-up National Strategy Project
- Government Relations
- Issue Management

Priority #1 – Member Relations



- Continued Member support
- Financial stability

Coalition Members - 2011

National Organizations

- CropLife Canada
- Canadian Animal Health Institute
- Canadian Trucking Alliance
- Canadian Federation of Agriculture
- Canadian Hatching Egg Producers Association
- Turkey Farmers of Canada
- Chicken Farmers of Canada
- Egg Farmers of Canada
- Canadian Pork Council
- Canadian Cattlemen's Association /Beef Information Centre
- National Cattle Feeders Association
- Dairy Farmers of Canada
- Canadian Horticultural Council
- Canadian Produce Marketing Association
- Canadian Meat Council
- Canadian Poultry & Egg Processors Council
- Further Poultry Processors Association of Canada
- Dairy Processors Association of Canada

- Fisheries Council of Canada
- Canadian National Millers Association
- Food and Consumer Products Canada
- Food Processors of Canada
- Canadian Association of Importers and Exporters
- Canadian Association of Regulated Importers
- Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors/ Retail Council of Canada
- Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers
- Canadian Restaurant & Food Service Association

Provincial/Territorial Groups

- Alberta Egg Producers Council
- Ontario Produce Marketing Association
- Small Scale Food Processors Association

Allied Members

- QMI-SAI Global
- Guelph Food Technology Centre
- NSFI Canada
- Jackie Crichton Consulting

Priority #2 – Emergency Preparedness Planning




- Set as a priority in 2006 – it has continued to be one
- Coalition:
 - Co-chairs the new Agri-food Sector Network – covers all types of emergencies
 - Participates in Private Sector Working Group on Pandemic Planning
 - Participates in the National Cross Sector Forum on Critical Infrastructure

Priority #3 – Follow-up on National Strategy Project




- In 2010, the board of directors targeted the following:
 - Awareness building about the National Strategy: Principles, Goals, Actions
 - Official/CFIA recognition of on-farm & post-farm food safety programs
 - Launching the Auditor Competency Project
 - Building relationships with food sector HR councils

Priority #3 – National Strategy Follow-up (2)




- Increasing awareness
 - Used in discussions with HC, CFIA, AAFC
 - Basis for positions taken at the Agri Subcommittee on Food Safety (ASFS)
 - Presentations FPTFSC (May & Nov)
 - Basis for requests in initial meeting on Growing Forward 2 (August)

Priority #3 – National Strategy Follow-up (3)



- Official/CFIA recognition of industry programs
 - Continued as a high priority
 - Meetings held with CFIA officials
 - Post-farm program launched with pilot for CPMA's program
 - FPT progress on finalization but not yet finally endorsed by Ministers

Priority #3 – National Strategy Follow-up (4)




- Auditor Competency Project
 - Identified as a Coalition responsibility in the Strategy
 - Application was submitted in early 2011 & approved in July
 - Steering committee formed
 - Workshops planned & held in January & March 2012

Auditor Competency Project – Tentative Consensus



- REVISED OPTION C (draft wording from March Workshop)
- Recognizing that Canada currently has a number of initiatives related to food safety auditor qualifications and competency (e.g., the National On-Farm/Post-Farm Recognition Programs Food Safety auditor requirements, CFIA's inspection modernization project, separate provincial government initiatives and Canadian schemes that have adopted GFSI benchmarking requirements)
 - X (to be defined) (involving public and private sectors) will:
 - Monitor and participate in the international scene (e.g., GFSI, ISO, US FSMA, etc);
 - Work with the public and private sectors to identify what characteristics are specific to Canada
 - Consider the adaptations required to meet new international and domestic expectations and standards (e.g., competency requirements, assessment approaches and certification options)
 - Consider the measures needed to strengthen Canada's capacity and infrastructure

Priority #3 – National Strategy Follow-up (5)



- Building relationships with food sector HR councils
 - Contacts were maintained
 - Invited to participate in the Auditor Competency Project
 - Future of sector councils is uncertain

Priority #4 – Government Relations



- A top priority
- With officials (HC, CFIA, FPTFSC, AAFC)
 - Continued contact
 - Regular meetings
- Participation in government consultations
 - HC Consultations
 - CFIA Import Controls, Intentional Contamination, etc

Priority #4 – Government Relations - Issues



- Priority Issues
 - National Strategy for Food Safety
 - Modernization of Canada's legislative and regulatory framework for food safety
 - Implications of the US Food Safety Modernization Act
 - Regulatory Co-operation Council Initiative
 - Growing Forward 2

Priority #5 – Issues Management



- Another very busy year
 - Canadian Initiatives – 15 updates
 - US Initiatives – 5 updates
 - International Initiatives – 1 update

Board of Directors 2011



- Susan Abel (FCPC) – Co-Chair
- Jackie Crichton (CCGD/consultant) – Co-Chair
- Robert de Valk (FPPAC) - Director
- Heather Gale (CHC) – Treasurer
- Brigid Rivoire (CFA) - Director
- Frank Schreurs (GFTC) – Allied Member director
- Gary Smith (CFIG) - Director
- Albert Chambers – Executive Director (non-voting member)

Questions?

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