

# Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition



Looking Ahead 2014/15

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Executive Director

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

23 April 2014

# 2013 Priorities



- Safe Food For Canadians Act Regulations
- Food Safety Auditor Project
- Member Relations
- Emergency Preparedness/Critical Infrastructure Planning
- Government Relations
- Issue Management

# 2014/15 Suggested Priorities



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# Member Relations



- 2013 membership
  - Stabilized at 37 with several changes
- 2014 Campaign
  - Expect almost every member to renew (currently at 34 out of 37 only one a doubtful)
  - Continue to target National Organizations
  - Will look to engage more allied members with the focus on implementation of new regulations

# Emergency Preparedness Planning



- Continue work with National Cross Sector Forum
- Encourage AAFC & Public Safety Canada to reinvigorate the Agri-Food Network to focus on:
  - Completing the agri-food sector interdependency modelling exercise
  - Sharing of best practices from non-food sectors
  - Strengthening agri-food sector participation in critical infrastructure initiatives (e.g. access to alerts on cybersecurity, scenario exercises, etc.)

# Government Relations



- Build on federal relationships:
  - CFIA – with new President (Bruce Archibald) CFSO (Dubuc) & Snr VP Agency Transformation (Bouwer), VP Policy & Programs (Mayer), other senior managers & staff
  - Health Canada – FEAC, Food Directorate consultations, etc
  - AAFC with respect to Growing Forward 2
- Re-invigorate relations with provinces/ territories through FPTFSC & other opportunities (e.g. ADM regulatory)

# Issue Management



- Agri-Food Subcommittee on Food Safety - participation
- CFIA/HC/PHAC relationship & joint initiatives (e.g. labeling)
- HC initiatives
- US Food Safety Modernization Act implications - monitoring
- Regulatory Co-operation Council initiatives – monitoring & participation
- Global Initiatives – monitoring
- Preparing Updates on Canadian, US and International topics

# Safe Food for Canadians Regulations



- Participate in Industry Ad Hoc Committee (ongoing)
- Participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> food regulatory forum (June)
- Provide fora for member dialogue on responses to draft regulations (early September) & Canada Gazette I proposals (TBD)
- Participate formal consultations on draft regulations (summer/early fall) & in Canada Gazette processes



# Safe Food for Canadians Regulations



- CFIA's current implementation schedule
  - Importer licensing requirements – late 2014
  - Currently registered establishments – during 2015
  - Fresh produce operations – during 2016
  - Current non-registered establishments – in 2017

# Food Safety Auditor Project



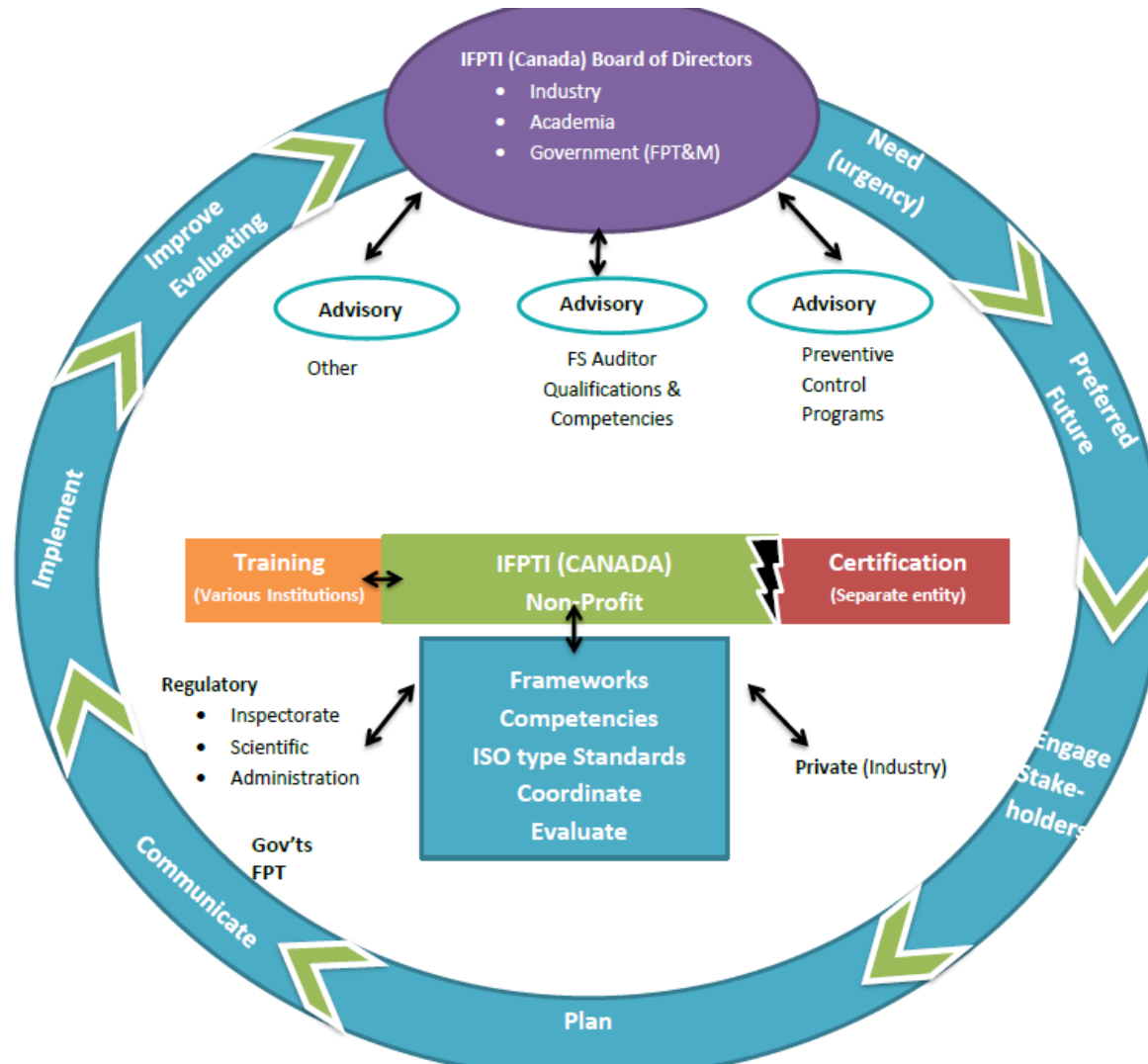
- Competence requirements for public & private sector auditor/inspectors
- Strong CFIA involvement at highest levels
- Stakeholder Group forming – 1<sup>st</sup> call held
- Expert Working Group formed & on track for September report
- Validation in late fall
- Project completion by year end

# New Industry/Government Initiatives



- Linked to new regulatory environment
- CFIA proposing several concepts based on USFDA collaboration with US industry
  - Preventive controls – not much known yet – links to National Strategy - Goal: #1 – Facilitate Food Safety Program Implementation by Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) in Canada
  - Training Partnership – based on International Food Protection Training Initiative – links to National Strategy - Goal: #3 – Strengthen Canada’s Food Safety Training and Auditing Infrastructure

# Canadian Food Safety Training Initiative




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- Model broached by CFIA senior officials – October 2013
- CFIA proposal discussed with some industry representatives – February 2014
- Concept Proposal in development (March/May)
- Consultation Schedule (proposed)
  - Release Concept paper – June Food Forum
  - Industry meeting presentation – July/September
  - Assess industry & Provincial/Territorial interest (October)
  - Decision (Go/NoGo) – November
  - If “Go” – CFIA would like to launch no later than 1 April 2015
- Possible Coalition administrative role through November

# Looking Ahead: 2014 & Beyond



- We would like your input on:
  - Overall Priorities?
  - What's important within each?
  - New Suggestions?

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