

Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition



Looking Ahead 2015/16

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Executive Director

14th Annual Meeting

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2014/15 Priorities



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

2015/16 Suggested Priorities

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Member Relations



- 2014 membership
 - Down 2 from 2013 to 35 (28N, 3P, 4A)
- 2015 Campaign
 - Expect almost every member to renew (currently at 32 out of 35)
 - Continue to target National Organizations
 - Will look to engage more allied members with the focus on implementation of new regulations

Safe Food for Canadians Regulations



- Participate in Industry Ad Hoc Committee (on-going)
- Participate in current round of consultations on impact on small food businesses (30 June 2015)
- Provide Coalition comments on draft proposed regulations (late July 2015)
- Monitor CFIA activities related to publication of regulations in Canada Gazette I (possibly as early as January 2016)
- Intensify activities related to Compliance Promotion & funding, particularly for MSMEs

Food Safety Auditor Project (1)



- Competence requirements for public & private sector auditor/inspectors
- AAFC funding extended to 31 March 2016
- Strong CFIA involvement in project & in joint work with US FDA
- Expert Working Group met twice & has proposed options
- Report in preparation – may be delayed until autumn due to external developments
- Validation in late fall
- Project completion by year end

Food Safety Auditor Project (2)



- Competency proposals:
 - Base on CFIA competency framework with inputs from other international frameworks (e.g. ISO, GFSI, etc)
 - Harmonize personnel categories between public & private to extent possible
 - Take into account food category risk, organization complexity, types of FSMS/PCP, etc
 - Establish common core with additional modules
 - Use mid-level statements of competency
 - Stretch requirements for both public & private sectors

Food Safety Auditor Project (3)

- Infrastructure:
 - Two (2) scenarios: 1 - with Safe Food Canada – The Learning Partnership or 2 – if it does not become sustainable
- Certification:
 - A – Stand-alone Certification Body
 - B – Canadian Stand-alone with outsourcing
 - C – a range of collaborative models
 - Australian Model (scheme body + accredited certification body)
 - Canadian Plus Model (scheme body recognizes certifications from other bodies + certifies to additional Canadian requirements)
 - Joint Venture or Partnership (scheme body + one or more recognized certification schemes (e.g. ASQ, GFSI, NEHA, etc))

Safe Food Canada – The Learning Partnership



- Safe Food Canada is now incorporated
- Searching for CEO
- Canvassing input on strategic plan
- Coalition
 - Monitoring developments
 - Participating in ad hoc advisory committee
 - Looking for member input on strategic plan
 - On-going issue/opportunity – linkage to food safety auditor project

Critical Infrastructure



- Continue work with National Cross Sector Forum
- Encourage AAFC & Public Safety Canada to re-invigorate the Agri-Food Network
- Strengthen agri-food sector participation in critical infrastructure initiatives (e.g. access to alerts on cybersecurity, scenario exercises, etc.)
- PSC/AAFC project for 2015 - mapping interdependencies along the food supply chain & with other CI sectors
 - Coalition on “steering” committee
 - 1st draft in preparation by PSC/AAFC
 - Member involvement will be solicited

Government Relations



- Build on federal relationships with officials:
 - CFIA – with President (Bruce Archibald), CFSO (Dubuc) & VP Policy & Programs (Mayer), other senior managers & staff
 - Health Canada – FEAC, Food Directorate (new DG), consultations & new Deputy Minister
 - AAFC with respect to implementation funding, etc.
- Undertake pre & post election visits with key parliamentarians
 - Focus on need for all party support for Safe Food for Canadians Act implementation initiatives (e.g. regulations, compliance promotion, implementation assistance, training, etc..)

FPT Government Relations




- Re-invigorate relations with provinces/ territories through FPTFSC & other opportunities (e.g. ADM regulatory)
- Focus on:
 - National, co-ordinated approach to food safety, building on Safe Food for Canadians Act & Regs
 - Re-establishing links with FPTFSC
 - Re-enforce importance of recognition programs for industry-led programs

Issue Management



- Agri-Food Subcommittee on Food Safety - participation
- CFIA/HC/PHAC relationship & joint initiatives
- 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

Looking Ahead: 2015 & Beyond



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

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