



CANADIAN SUPPLY CHAIN FOOD SAFETY COALITION

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Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition celebrates 2nd World Food Safety Day

(Ottawa, Canada – 7 June 2020): The Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition today joins with the United Nations General Assembly, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and other organizations around the world to celebrate the 2nd World Food Safety Day.

Recognizing that food safety is a shared responsibility from production through to consumption, the theme for the day is “Food safety, everyone’s business” and includes the following “Calls to Action”:

- 1 - *Ensure it's safe - Government must ensure safe and nutritious food for all*
- 2 - *Grow it safe - Agriculture and food producers need to adopt good practices*
- 3 - *Keep it safe - Business operators must make sure food is safe*
- 4 - *Eat it safe - All consumers have a right to safe, healthy and nutritious food*
- 5 - *Team up for safety - Food Safety is a shared responsibility*

Jeff Hall, Chair of the Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition, stated, “Food safety continues to be a priority every day for all stakeholders along the Canadian food supply chain. With the passage of the Safe Food for Canadians Act (2012) and its Regulations (2018) (Phase 1), Canada has taken steps to modernize our food safety regulatory regime. The move to a more horizontal, more risk-based, more outcome-based approach demonstrates the success of collaboration between government and other stakeholders. The Coalition looks forward to the opportunity for ongoing collaboration as modernization of the Regulations continues.”

The Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition was formed in December 2000 to provide a forum for dialogue within the food supply chain and between industry and governments on food safety. The Coalition's membership currently includes 26 industry associations and organizations representing every link in the aquatic and terrestrial food supply chain, from input suppliers, through to primary producers, processors, food manufacturers, distributors and transporters, importers and exporters, final marketers in retail and food service as well as providers of goods, inputs and services to the food supply chain. The Coalition remains committed to the development of a national co-ordinated food safety strategy for Canada. A national strategy that will ensure that Canadians are assured of the same high level of food safety no matter where they live or where food is produced.

“The Coalition welcomes the annual celebration of June 7th as World Food Safety Day. Coalition members and their members, the food businesses across Canada, are dedicated to food safety, today and every day. This annual UN declaration is a reminder that gives us all the opportunity to recommit to that goal.” stated Jackie Crichton, Executive Director of the Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition.

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