



## CANADIAN SUPPLY CHAIN FOOD SAFETY COALITION

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### COALITION CANADIENNE DE LA FILIÈRE ALIMENTAIRE POUR LA SALUBRITÉ DES ALIMENTS

#### ***CSCFSC Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) Along the Supply Chain Workshop***

On September 21, 2023, the Canadian Supply Chain Food Safety Coalition (CSCFSC / Coalition) convened a one-day virtual Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) Along the Supply Chain Workshop.

#### ***Workshop Overview:***

The Workshop brought together Canadian and international experts from industry, government, and academia to explore current and potential future uses of Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) along the food supply chain.

#### ***Workshop Objectives:***

(i) Create and/or increase awareness regarding the current and potential future uses of WGS along the food supply chain (primary production, primary processing, further processing, manufacturing, transportation, distribution, retail and food service, importers and exporters) by governments, industry, and academia (domestically and internationally), including in but not limited to:

- microbial/foodborne illness investigations
- regular inspections
- identification of emerging issues
- risk analysis and management
- shelf-life and other quality determinations

AND

- the importance of technical specifications, data needs and sharing with a goal of identifying opportunities for increased cooperation and coordination.

(ii) Identify areas of interest for future Workshops.

#### ***Acknowledgements:***

The Coalition wishes to take this opportunity to again thank the Workshop Steering Committee, Moderators, Presenters and Participants for taking part in making the virtual *CSCFSC WGS along the Supply Chain Workshop* a reality.

Steering Committee: Representatives from: AAFC, CFIA, HC, PHAC, CHEP, CPMA, CPEP, CSCFSC

Moderators: Jeff Hall (CPMA/Chair CSCFSC) and Viki Sikur (CHEP/Vice-Chair CSCFSC)

Presenters: Available in Summary Report

Participants: 90+ participants from 50 organizations

A copy of the **Workshop Summary Report** is available by contacting the Coalition at: [cscfsccoalition@gmail.com](mailto:cscfsccoalition@gmail.com)

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