



FOOD NEWS

JUNE 2018

Events

Americas Food and Beverage Showcase

October 1-2, 2018 — Miami, Florida

Canadian Export Development, in cooperation with the Consulate General of Canada in Miami, invite suppliers of retail and food service products to be part of the Canadian Pavilion.

For details, visit www.americasfoodandbeverage.com or email [Meghan Horosko](mailto:Meghan.Horosko@canada.ca)

Canada Food Expo – Japan and South Korea

October 1-8, 2018 - Tokyo, Osaka and Seoul

Agriculture and Forestry (AF) is currently in the proposal stages for a Canada Food Expo showcase mission to Japan and South Korea. This mission will provide suppliers of innovative, value-added products an opportunity to engage with pre-screened buyers in a tabletop format and conduct market intelligence gathering in each country. Contact [Katie Meredith](mailto:Katie.Meredith@canada.ca) to indicate your interest and receive full details once available.

SIAL Paris, France and the Netherlands trade mission

October 16-26, 2018

AF is leading a mission to Paris, France to attend the SIAL Paris show. In addition, we are also proposing to organize a two-day program that will focus on exploring opportunities in the Netherlands ahead of SIAL. The program will feature potential buyers meetings, site visits and will help companies understand the viability for their product in that particular market. Contact [Dusan Rnjak](mailto:Dusan.Rnjak@canada.ca) to indicate your interest and receive full details once available.

Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP) Grant Programs

The roll-out of the CAP program suite in Alberta began in April 2018 and the 15 programs will be phased over the spring, summer and fall of 2018.

Applications and program details consisting of cost-shares and eligible activities and/or items will be released with the opening of each program. The criteria for eligibility will be made available along with the program details. For information regarding provincial CAP programs or to subscribe to receive program announcements, visit cap.alberta.ca

CAP (successor of the Growing Forward 2) represents a federal-provincial-territorial investment of \$406 million in strategic programs and initiatives for the agricultural sector.

9th Annual Food Regulatory and Quality Assurance Summit

October 24 - 25, 2018 — Toronto

Join thought leaders, experts and professionals from across North America at this unique event to:

- Gain direct insight from Health Canada, the CFIA and FDA
- Learn from industry leaders how to navigate the new North American regulatory landscape
- Benefit from interactive sessions to solve two of the thorniest problems; front-of-pack labelling and developing effective communication for recalls
- Discover the substance of discussions taking place between the federal and provincial governments on food safety regulations

Visit the [Summit website](http://summit2018.cfia.gc.ca) for more information and to register.

Alberta Natural Health Products / Functional Ingredients Industry Network Meeting

August 23, 2018



This half-day meeting provides an opportunity to come together to network, gather information, showcase sector activities, and discuss sector challenges and their potential solutions. In addition, a facilitated session is planned to gather industry interest in branding through collaboration. The meeting will include a tour of AF's Bio Processing Innovation Centre in Edmonton. More information and invites coming soon!

Expo FIGAP Livestock Industry Mission

October 23-26, 2018 — Guadalajara, Mexico

AF is recruiting Alberta exporters to join a trade mission to Mexico for Expo FIGAP, Mexico's biennial leading livestock industry trade show. This mission will include participation in the Canadian Pavilion at Expo FIGAP, a tailored business-to-business meeting program with qualified buyers, market briefings and site visits. Exporters of animal feed and supplements, equipment, technology and machinery for the livestock industry are invited to join this mission to one of Alberta's most important agriculture export markets. Contact [Meghan Horosko](mailto:Meghan.Horosko@canada.ca) to indicate your interest and receive full details.



Regulatory Updates

Safe Food for Canadians Regulations Officially Published in Canada Gazette Part II

On June 13, 2016, final *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations* were published in [Canada Gazette, Part II \(CGII\)](#).

The regulations will come into force on January 15, 2019. The period between the final publication of the regulations in CGII and coming into force will give businesses time to familiarize themselves with and prepare for the new requirements, including licensing, traceability and preventive controls. Some requirements will have to be met immediately upon coming into force, while others will be phased in over a period of 12 to 30 months based on food commodity, type of activity and business size.

The new consolidated regulations will require food businesses that import or prepare food for export or to be sent across provincial or territorial borders to have licences, as well as preventive controls that outline steps to address potential risks to food safety. They will also help reduce the time it takes to remove unsafe food from the marketplace by requiring businesses to trace their food back to their supplier and forward to whom they sold their products.

[Learn more about the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations](#)

Proposed Regulatory Changes to Canada's Beer Compositional Standards

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is proposing to amend the beer compositional standards under the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR). The proposed changes would modernize the current beer standard to remove duplication of the standard for ale, stout, porter and malt liquor, as it allows for the same ingredients as beer. The amended FDR would make it clearer for brewers which ingredients could be used. It would also allow industry to be more innovative in developing products to meet consumer interest in having more variety, such as flavoured beers, while maintaining the beer integrity.

In addition to meeting consumer interest in having more products variety, the proposed changes to the FDR also include labelling changes that would require brewers to identify food allergens, gluten sources or added sulphites for beer.

Consumers, industry and other stakeholders have 90 days to submit their comments to the CFIA. For more information, please consult the [CFIA website](#).

Food Science and Technology Centre

Have you been looking to develop a formed, battered, fried, baked or frozen product? The Food Processing Development Centre (FPDC) in Leduc has a fully automated continuous fry and cooking line. From start to finish, this line is able to form, fry, bake, freeze and package products for the frozen-food aisle. It can produce upwards of 2,000 kg of product per day. This equipment works well for products such as burgers, nuggets, chicken breasts, chicken wings and dumplings, just to name a few. If you are interested in utilizing this technology for product development or interim processing please contact us at 780-986-4793 or email [Ken Fahner](#).



Alberta Food Processors Association

Food Safety and Quality Training – [2018 Course schedule, description and registration forms](#)

Implementing SQF – July 23-24 in Edmonton

Internal Auditor SQF – July 25 in Edmonton

Last call to sign up! Register soon for these two SQF courses or they will be cancelled.

FSPCA Preventive Controls for Human Food (PCQI) – August 13 – 15– 2.5 days in Calgary

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