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Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

Strengthened Oversight of Imports under the Proposed *Imported Food Sector Product Regulations*

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Purpose

- To provide an update on the development of the regulatory proposal for imported food sector products including:
 - key provisions
 - importer licensing
 - new authorities
 - implementation
 - engagement activities



Environmental Trends



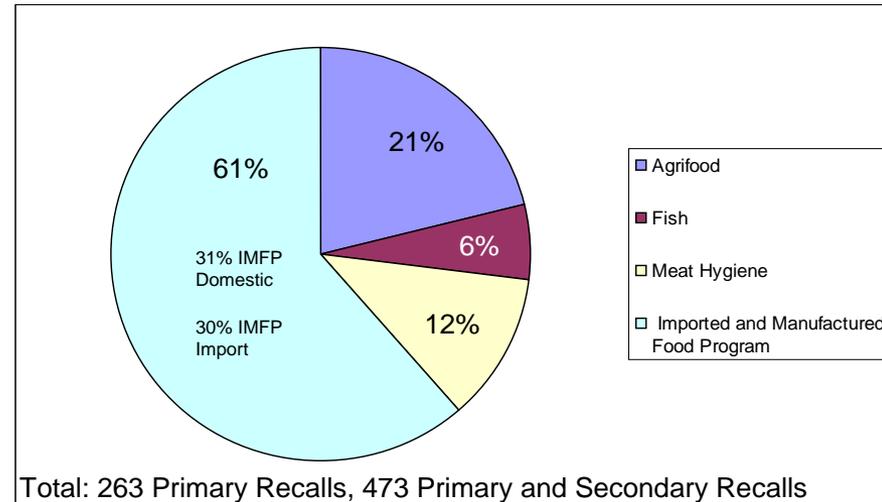
- Canada is the 6th largest importer of agricultural and agri-food products in the world
- Imports are received from over 190 countries, many with differing levels of food safety controls, oversights and standards
 - *"Risks are no longer confined within our borders, and the Agency must face the challenge and focus its resources where the risk is greatest and where there is the greatest net benefit to Canadians"* CFIA website
- Approximately 3000 non-federally registered sector import transactions take place per day with 20,000 to 30,000 Invoice Line Items = over \$1 Billion dollars per month
- Increase in low cost, opportunistic companies selling food
- Increased food safety measures being put in place by our trading partners
- Occurrence of allergies "skyrocketing"

Canadian Context

- There are a number of historical risks in the global community:
 - *Clostridium botulinum* in carrot juice (2006)
 - Melamine in infant formula (2008)
 - DEHP in sports drinks (2011)
 - Glass fragments in vodka beverages (2011)
 - *Salmonella* sp. in chocolate, peanut butter (2012)
 - Undeclared allergens in pinenuts and oatmeal (2012)

- Highlights the importance of identifying importers in the IFS

Percentage of Recalls* 2010-2011



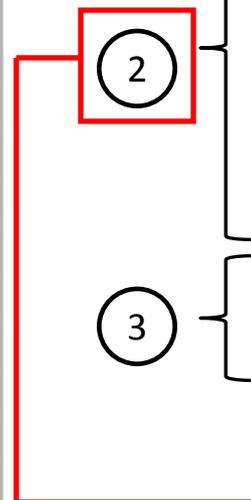
* Recall data include both recall indicents (primary recall) and recalls (secondary recalls)
Reflects numbers published in the Red Tape Reduction Report

Goals of Strengthened Controls

- Increased food safety due to food importers having a greater accountability for the safety of their products
- Increased traceability of products and ingredients
 - improve importers' ability to quickly identify, respond to and advise the CFIA of potentially unsafe
 - will allow the CFIA to better identify unsafe foods and ingredients throughout a complex food chain
- Increased engagement of food product importers by the CFIA
 - licensing will provide a means for identifying and communicating with the importers in this sector

Scope of the Regulatory Proposal

	Food Commodity	Act Coverage	Regulation Coverage		
①	Meat	FDA & CPLA	Meat Inspection Act	Meat Regulations	
	Fish		Fish Inspection Act	Fish Regulations	
	Dairy Products		CAPA		Dairy Products Regulation
	Eggs				Egg Regulations
	Fresh Fruit and Vegetables				Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Regulations
	Honey				Honey Regulations
	Maple Products				Maple Products Regulations
	Processed Egg				Processed Egg Regulations
	Processed Products				Processed Products Regulations
	Grain Products			IFSP Regulations	
Beverages					
Confectionary/Chocolate					
Biological Additives					
Spices, seasonings and dried herbs					
Vegetable fats and oils					
Infant formula, meal replacements and					
Snack foods					
Bottled Water					
Synthetic Colours					
③	Salts				



Examples of foods that would require the importer to hold a valid import licence to import into Canada under the proposed regulations.

Considerations for the Meat Sector

- Importers will require a licence under the proposed *Imported Food Sector Product Regulations* to import products and ingredients into Canada that meet the definition of an agricultural product, such as:
 - products that contain less than 2% meat
 - spices and seasonings
 - gelatins, some gravies and sauces
 - some colours and flavours



Regulatory Requirements

- The proposed *Imported Food Sector Product Regulations* will require importers to meet certain general and licensing requirements to import IFS products into Canada

General Requirements

- Notifying the CFIA within 24 hours of determining that a food safety hazard exists
- Developing, establishing and maintaining a written recall plan to aid in identifying and removing products of concern from the Canadian marketplace quickly and efficiently
- Maintaining records associated with: the imported products, the recall plan, the preventive food safety control plan

Regulatory Requirements

Licensing Requirements

- Completion of an application for an IFS licence
 - electronic web form available through the Licence Management System
 - applicants must declare on the application that the information they have provided is true and accurate and that they meet all of the requirements of the *Imported Food Sector Product Regulations*
 - **Note:** licence holders must have a Canadian address

- Licence holders must have, implement and maintain a written preventive food safety control plan (PFSCP) and demonstrate that they have taken the necessary measures to reduce food safety risks
 - scalable and outcome based approach that will provide importers with the flexibility that they need to design a PFSCP that fits within the context of their business activities and needs

Licence Management System

- The Licence Management System (LMS) will be a web-based service used by importers to obtain an IFS Licence
- This service will allow importers to:
 - apply for a new licence
 - renew an existing licence
 - amend licence information
 - view licence status
 - make a payment



Proposed Imported Food Sector Licence

- Under the proposed Regulations, an IFS licence number will be required with each shipment of goods
- Licence will apply to entities, not establishments
- No fee per shipment
- No limit on number of shipments
- Licence is valid for 2 years
- Proposed cost of \$259 for 2013/14

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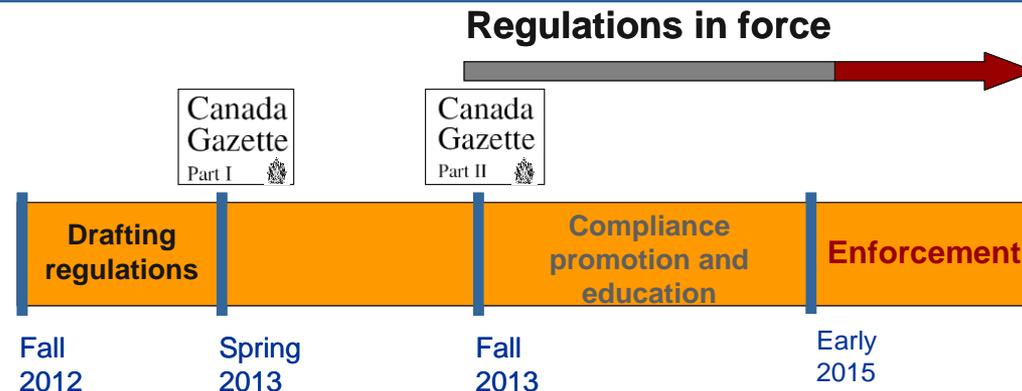
IMPORTED FOOD SECTOR LICENCE	PERMIS POUR LE SECTEUR DES ALIMENTS IMPORTÉS
<p>This licence is issued in accordance with the <i>Imported Food Sector Product Regulations</i> and the conditions prescribed there under. This licence authorizes the holder to import Imported Food Sector Products into Canada.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the licence holder to ensure that they meet the requirements set out in the <i>Canadian Agricultural Products Act</i>, the <i>Imported Food Sector Regulations</i> and any other applicable Canadian legislation. A licensed importer who fails to comply with the legislative requirements will be subject to actions such as, but not limited to, licence suspension or cancellation.</p>	<p>Le présent permis est délivré en vertu du <i>Règlement sur les produits des aliments importés</i> et des conditions qui en découlent. Ce permis confère au détenteur le droit d'importer des produits du Secteur des aliments importés au Canada.</p> <p>Il incombe au détenteur de permis de veiller à ce qu'il respecte les exigences de la <i>Loi sur les produits agricoles au Canada</i>, du <i>Règlement sur les produits des aliments importés</i> et à toutes autres exigences législatives canadiennes pertinentes. Un importateur détenteur de permis qui ne se conforme pas au <i>Règlement sur les produits des aliments importés</i> sera assujéti à des mesures réglementaires, y compris la suspension ou l'annulation de permis, sans toutefois s'y limiter.</p>
Licence issued to: Permis délivré à : _____	_____
Licence number: Numéro de permis : _____	_____
Date of issue: Date de délivrance : _____	Date of expiry: Date d'expiration: _____
<small>An import licence is not assignable and expires two years after the date of issue.</small>	<small>Le permis d'importation est inassignable et expire deux ans après la date de délivrance.</small>

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Proposed New Authorities for the IFS

- Access records at a physical address in Canada
 - includes the PFSCP which must be made available upon request
- Suspension of an IFS licence
- Cancellation of an IFS licence

Proposed Implementation: Providing Flexibility to Industry



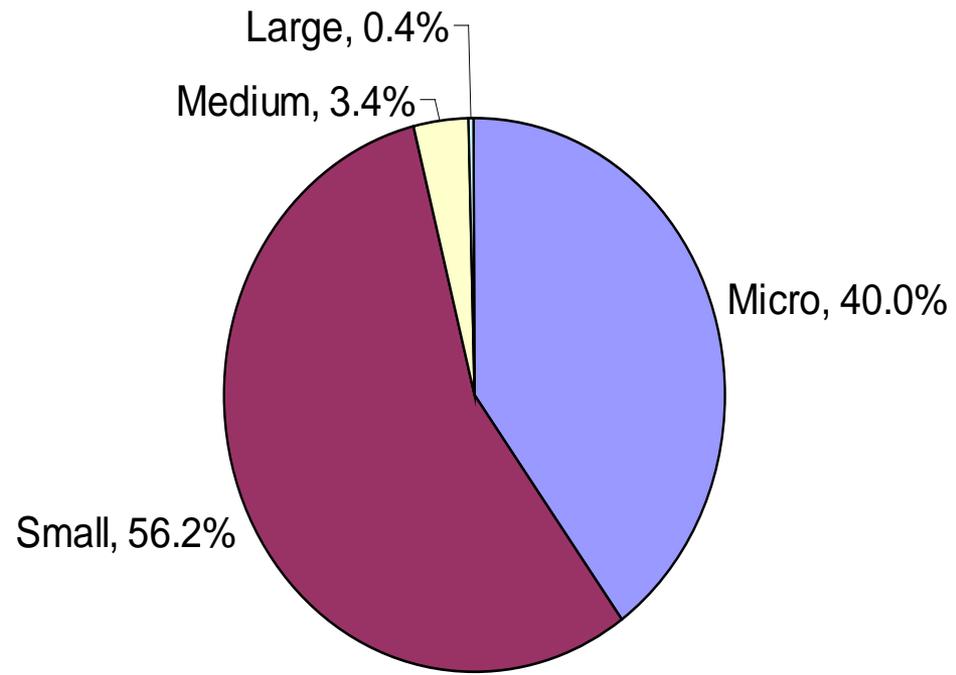
- The coming-into-force of the proposed regulations will begin with an Interim Compliance Promotion phase that will last for at least one year
- Will allow large businesses time to develop new models and agreements
- Will allow time for small and medium enterprises to:
 - become aware of their obligations and familiarize themselves with the appropriate legislation;
 - comply with the regulatory requirements; and
 - obtain a licence

Engagement

Objectives

1. To increase awareness of the proposed Regulations and the requirements, and communicate the Agency's expectations
2. To work with regulated parties to better understand the range of business models, needs and the challenges industry faces to meet the regulatory requirements
3. To identify the right compliance tools and develop them in a manner that is most useful to a wide range of the regulated community

Projected Regulated Community



Size of importer	Number of employees	Projected number of importers in the IFS
Micro	1-4	10 000
Small	5-99	14 050
Medium	100-499	850
Large	500+	100



Engagement Approach

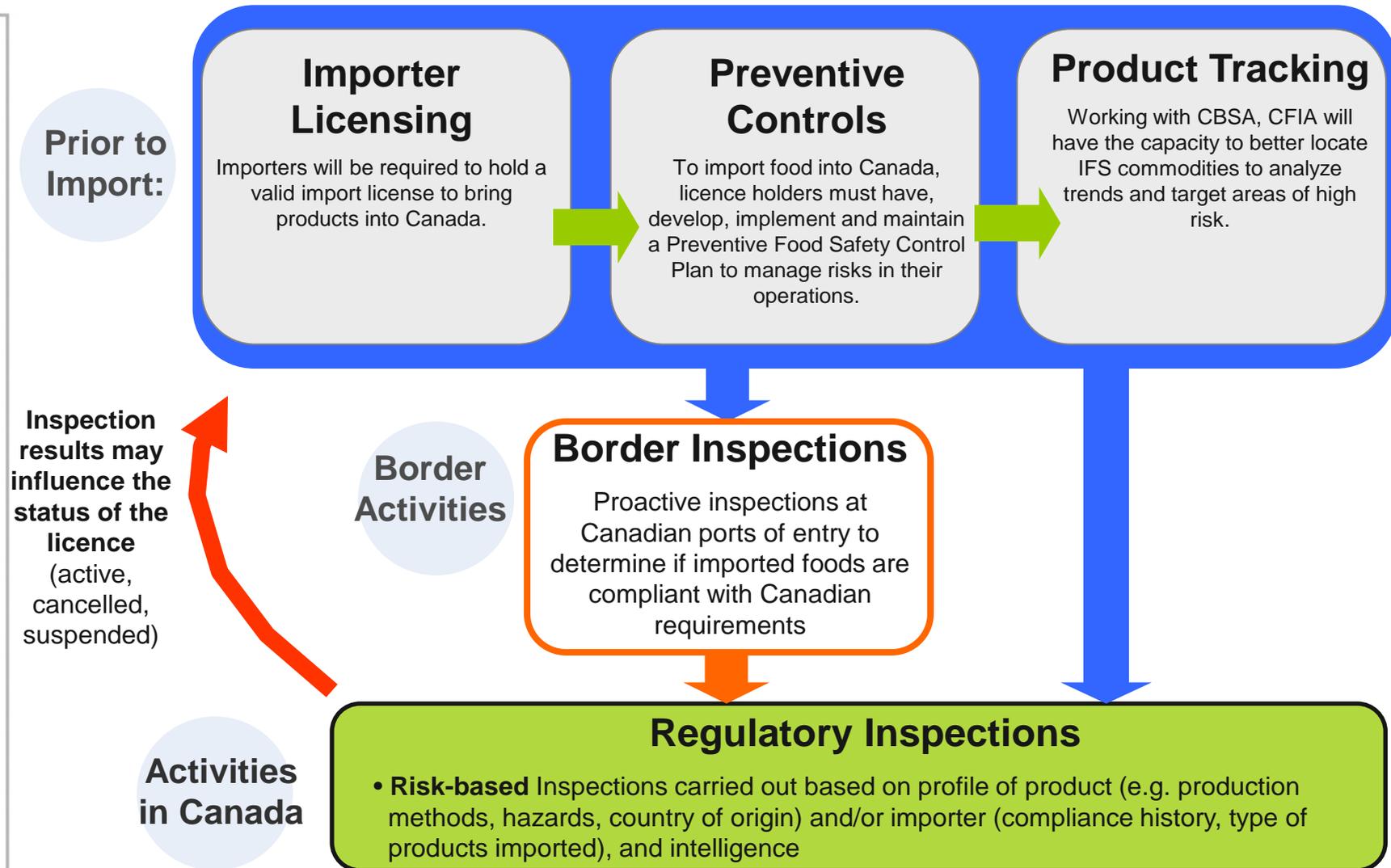
- Consulting with importers to better understand their issues and needs, especially micro and small-sized importers
- Working with partners to identify opportunities to assist importers under this regulatory proposal to build capacity to develop and implement a PFSCP
- Strong service oriented approach through the use of an electronic client interface for licence applicants
- Significant reduction (from initial draft proposal) in the amount of licence application information required by licence applicants

Engagement Activities

- Targeted discussions have been, and continue to be held with industry, a working group has been formed with CBSA to ensure system interoperability and smooth implementation
- Publication in *Canada Gazette* part I will launch a formal 75-day comment period
- 17 city Agency overview of the regulatory clauses
- Multi-lingual information materials in development recognizing the cultural diversity within the import sector



Link to Import initiatives



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