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Report Highlights:

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) opened public consultations on the scheduled five-year review of the Safe Food for Canadians Act (SFCA). Stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on how this food safety legislation has worked since coming into force in January 2019.

[Consultations](#) opened on Canada's five-year [legislative review](#) of its [Safe Food for Canadians Act](#) (SFCA), and [Safe Food for Canadians Regulations](#) (SFCR). Comments from interested stakeholders are accepted until **May 27, 2024**, at the following coordinates:

Email: cfia.labellingconsultation-etiquetage.acia@inspection.gc.ca (please include "SFCA Review Consultation" in the subject line).

Since its implementation in January 2019, the SFCA and SFCR represent Canada's food safety regulatory backbone, with its three foundational pillars: licensing, preventive controls, and traceability. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) seeks public input on provisions and operations of the SFCA, and how these have worked over the past five years. However, CFIA is not seeking proposals for specific amendments to the SFCA or SFCR.

Some of the elements CFIA seeks input on include:

- Challenges with implementing the food safety requirements established by the SFCA, including licensing for prescribed activities, strengthened food traceability, improved import controls to level the playing field, flexibilities to meet regulatory outcomes, and prohibitions against food commodity tampering, threats, and false or misleading practices and information about the safety of a food commodity;
- Challenges with implementing the consumer protection requirements established by the SFCA, including false, misleading or deceptive food labeling, and creating an erroneous impression regarding the character, quality, value, quantity, composition, merit, safety or origin, or the method of manufacture or preparation of a food commodity;
- Comments or challenges related to SFCA's powers and procedures related to food inspection and investigation, and whether they apply to all food commodities consistently;
- Challenges related to the provisions and operations, including the administration and enforcement, of the SFCA.

Attachments:

No Attachments.