



Canadian Meat Industry Welcomes the Release of the Draft Content of the *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations*

January 20, 2017 [Ottawa, ON] – The Canadian meat industry welcomes the release of the draft content of the *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations*. Today, the draft regulatory text was posted in *Canada Gazette*, Part 1.

“The *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations* is an essential building block in a modern food safety risk-based management system,” said Canadian Meat Council President Troy Warren. “Modern regulatory systems need to be underpinned by comprehensive and science-based food regulatory principles, with clear food safety objectives in mind, that are transparent and proactive in scope,” added Warren.

“The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has worked relentlessly - through extensive consultations with regulatory stakeholders - to devise an outcome-based food safety control and regulatory system that protects public health, domestic food markets and international trade capacity. Ensuring food safety is a fundamental priority for Canada’s federally registered meat processors and every enhancement in food safety contributes to a further strengthening of this country’s world class food safety system,” concluded Warren.

“The *Safe Food for Canadians Act*” - which received Royal Assent on November 22, 2012- will come into force concurrently with the *Safe Food for Canadian Regulations* after they are completed in final form. For now, the formal consultation process on the draft regulatory text under *Canada Gazette*, Part 1 is open for public comment for the next 90 days.

Canada’s meat processing industry includes some 400 federally registered establishments, providing safe, high quality protein for Canadian consumers as well as adding jobs and contributing to economic activity in both rural and urban communities across Canada. With annual sales of \$24 billion, exports of \$5.7 billion, and 65,000 thousand jobs, the Canadian meat industry is the largest component of this country’s food processing sector.

The Canadian Meat Council has been representing Canada’s federally inspected meat processing industry since 1919.

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