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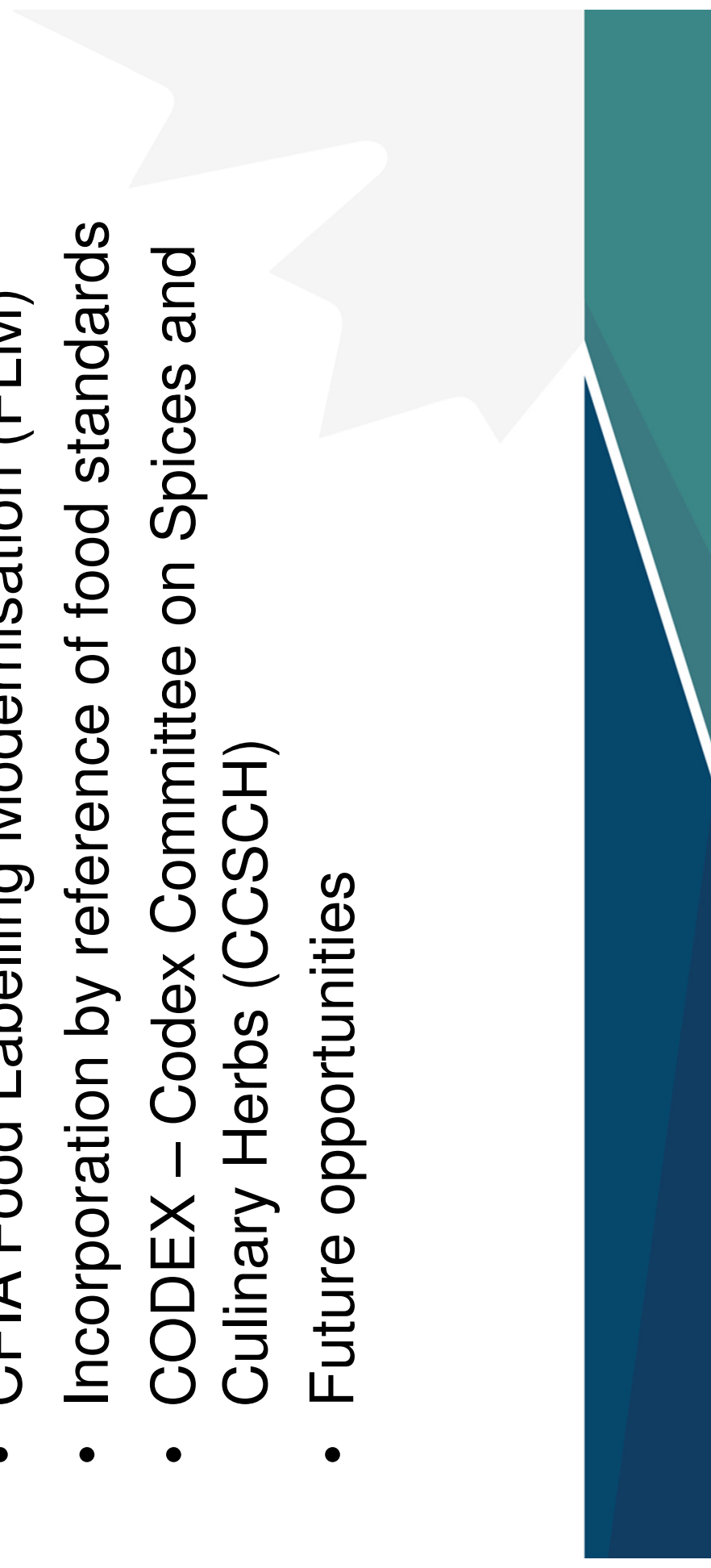
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Modernizing spice compositional standards

- Role of the CFIA and Health Canada
- CFIA Food Labelling Modernisation (FLM)
- Incorporation by reference of food standards
- CODEX – Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)
- Future opportunities



CFIA

Federally there is a shared role in managing labelling and compositional standards:

- Health Canada - policy-setting for health and safety labelling regulations and standards
- CFIA – Non-health and safety food labelling and compositional standards found in the SFCR and FDR. Division 7 covers Spices, Dressings and Seasonings.

The CFIA is responsible for enforcement

Food Labelling Modernization

- CFIA consulted on key proposals to modernize the food labelling and composition system in 2016-17.
- Analysed stakeholder feedback and published a What We Heard Report in February 2018.
- Anticipated timelines for Canada Gazette I from the CFIA Forward Regulatory Plan posted online: Spring 2019.
- Working closely with HC on regulatory packages, (including front of pack labelling) to align timelines of the coming into force date of all the labelling changes.

FLM Key Regulatory Proposals

- **Date Marking** – increased flexibility in format options and the addition of the year.
- **Food company information** - add a telephone number, email address, website or other information to enable consumers to contact the company or importer.
- **Origin of imported food** – add consistency by requiring “product of (name of country)” on label when food is wholly imported.
- **Legibility** - consistent letter height/contrast.
- **Key ingredients emphasized through claims or pictures** – declaration of the percentage of emphasized ingredients in the list of ingredients.
- **Food Compositional Standard Modernization** starting with FDR food compositional standards incorporated by reference

CODEX

- The Codex Alimentarius Commission is mandated to develop international food standards to:
 - Protect the health of consumers
 - Ensure fair practices in the food trade
- Codex work is done through
 - 10 general subject committees such as labelling, food import and export certification systems, food additives and pesticide residues
 - 5 commodity committees such as the codex committee on spices and culinary herbs (CCSCH)

CCSCH – Terms of Reference

- (a) To elaborate worldwide standards for spices and culinary herbs in their dried and dehydrated state in whole, ground, and cracked or crushed form;
- (b) To consult, as necessary, with other international organizations in the standards development process to avoid duplication.

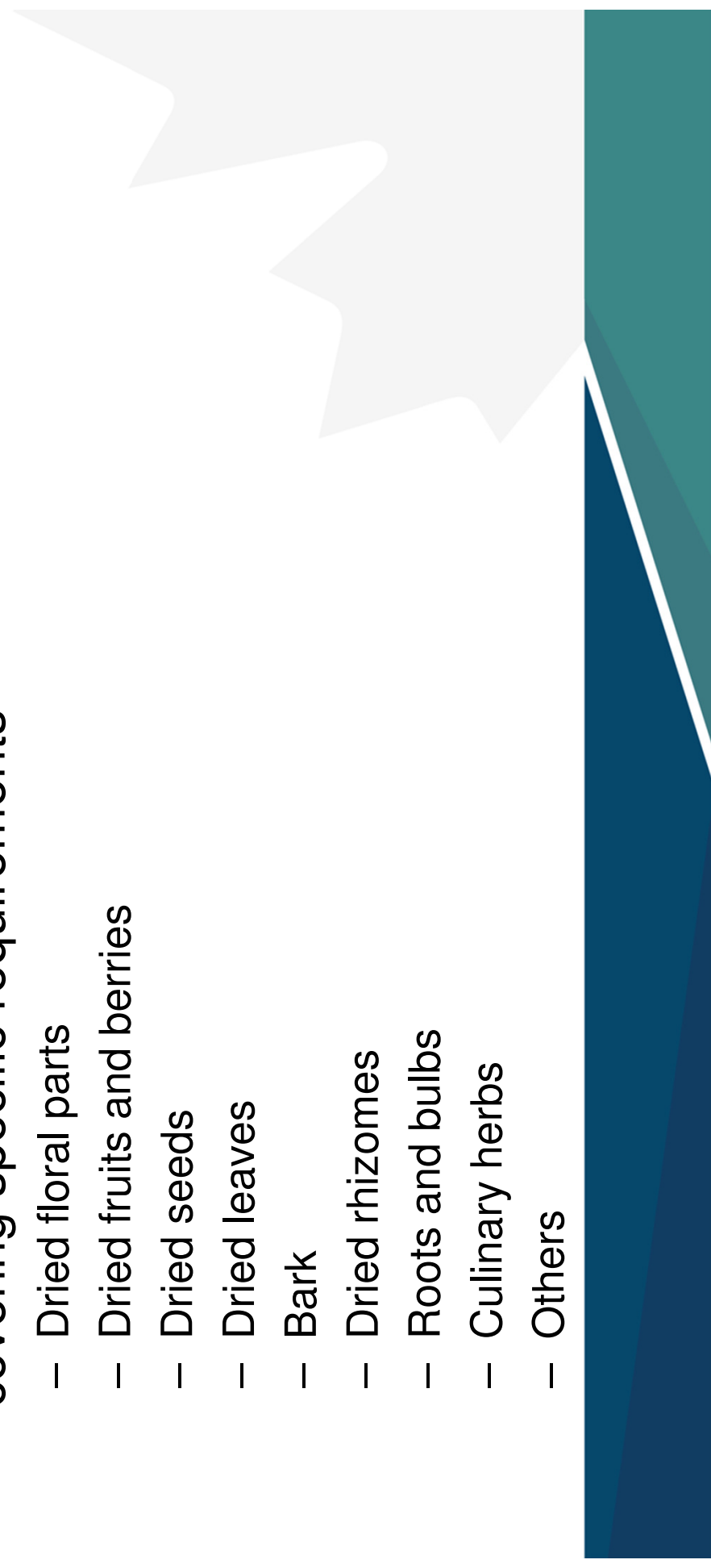
Current Work at CCSC

- Spice standards completed
 - Cumin and Dried Thyme
- On going
 - Black, White and Green Pepper
 - Oregano



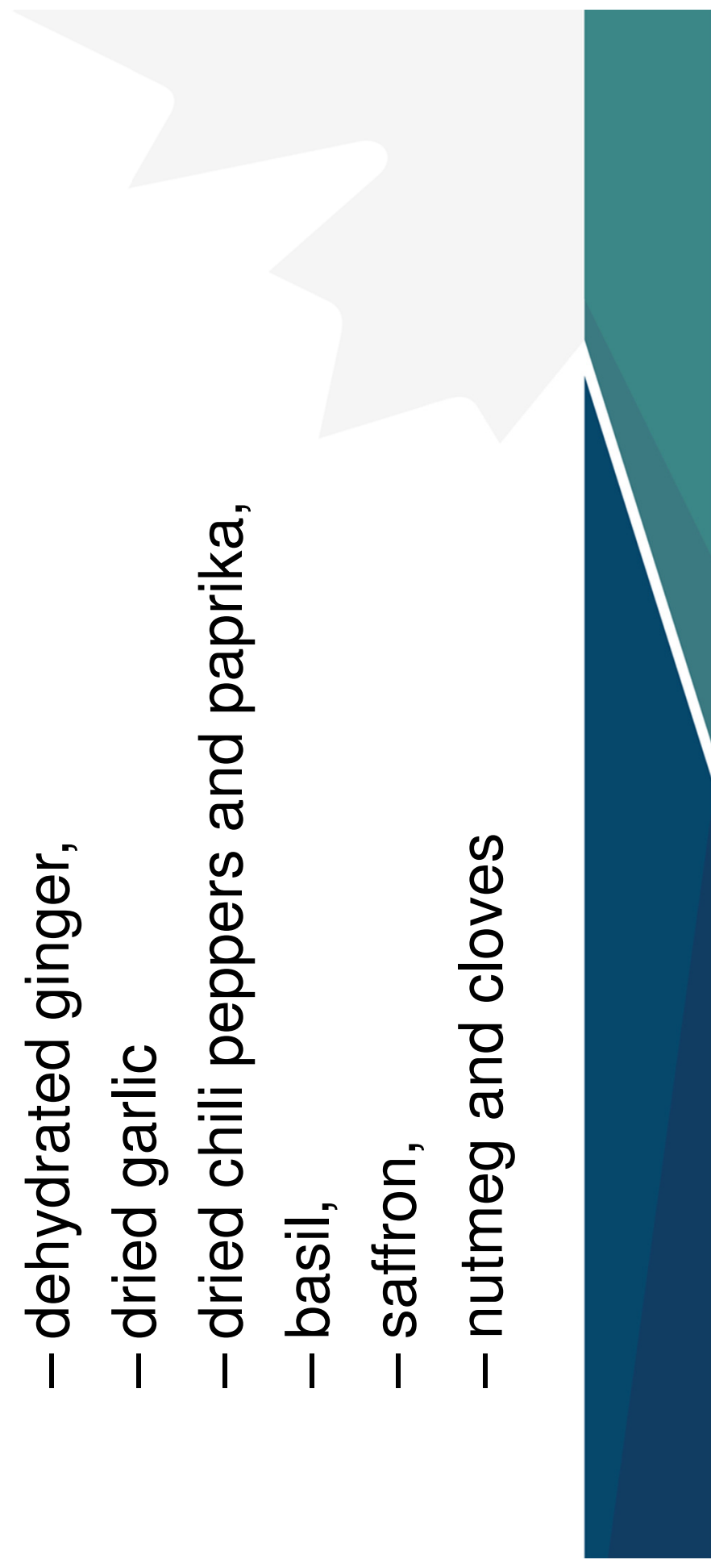
Grouping Strategy

- A grouping strategy will be in place elaborating general requirements for a group of spices or herbs with annexes covering specific requirements
 - Dried floral parts
 - Dried fruits and berries
 - Dried seeds
 - Dried leaves
 - Bark
 - Dried rhizomes
 - Roots and bulbs
 - Culinary herbs
 - Others



New work approved

- The CODEX (CAC) has approved new work for;
 - dehydrated ginger,
 - dried garlic
 - dried chili peppers and paprika,
 - basil,
 - saffron,
 - nutmeg and cloves



Proposals for new work

- Interested stakeholders may submit proposals for new work for CCSCCH through the Canadian head of delegation
- Project document required which includes trade data and how trade may benefit from a standard
- Next round due 31 May, 2018

Codex Strategies for Consensus

- Approaches/tools that enable achievement of success
 - Working Groups: electronic & physical, intra-sessional, pre-meetings, in-session
 - Workshops
 - Facilitation
 - Increased dialogue and bridging of interest
- Sharing a common goal and creating an environment that is conducive for achieving consensus
- These help facilitate development of standards and guidelines that all members can support

Future Opportunities

- Incorporate by reference Division 7 of the FDR
- Enable industry associations to take a more active role in standards development
- Align with Codex



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