

TECHNICAL & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT

Annual General Meeting

May 10, 2013



Technical Committee Objectives

- Influence emerging regulation
- Increase collaboration with ASTA, IOSTA and ESA
- Leverage technical knowledge and experience of CSA members
- Member education



Division 7 and Technical Group

- Holly Buchanan – Buchanan Trading Inc.
- Wendy Burggraf – Halford-Lewis Ltd.
- Gaspare Colletti – Cell Foods Inc.
- Wayne Farrell - CSA
- Lisa Gay – Hela Spice Canada Inc.
- Tiina Henkusens – McCormick Canada
- Matthew Jennison – Maxxam Analytics
- Ranjani Munasinghe – Kurundu Ltd.
- Donna Nicholson – Griffith Laboratories
- Doris Valade – Malabar Super Spice

Division 7 - Background

- Canada is the only jurisdiction where quality attributes are prescribed in regulation
- Regulations are outdated and restrict ability to leverage global supply and alternative treatment methods such as steam
- Global spice trade is defined by botanical source and cleanliness
- Agreed to the following approach
 - Short term: CSA to develop tolerances to existing quality parameters
 - Longer term: Propose to repeal Division 7. Advocate that any future CODEX standards would not be incorporated by reference.

Division 7 Working Group

- Approval of tolerances at Board of Directors meeting Nov, 2012 and final review at AGM
- In the process of setting up an in-person meeting with CFIA to discuss the proposal
- Proposal would be subject to food safety evaluation by Health Canada



Codex – Committee for the Development of Spice Standards

- July, 2012 Codex Alimentarius Commission
 - India proposed a committee for the development of spice standards
- August, 2012 CSA formally responded to Health Canada
 - Supportive of the development of international, voluntary standards provided that they are focused on food safety, protect against adulteration and promote fair trade
 - Recommended a narrower scope and recognition of work by other working groups (e.g. ISO)
- Next Steps
 - Submit formal response to Dr. Godefroy

Food Safety Regulatory Forum

- CFIA is hosting a one-day forum in Gatineau on June 4, 2013 to discuss initiatives designed to support the new *Safe Food for Canadians Act*, including
 - Food Regulations Framework
 - Imported Food Sector Product Regulations
 - Inspection Modernization
 - Outcome based Modernization



Inspection Modernization

- Consultation on the Revised Draft Improved Food Inspection Model is open until May 21, 2013
- Single licensing regime
 - Application form included and additional details on who is/is not subject to licensing, requirement for Canadian address, multiple licenses, compliance attestation
 - Preventive control plans
 - Draft module likely to be published May 2013
 - Framework based on risk to determine level of oversight and frequency of inspection
 - May use existing customized plans
 - Include non-food safety requirements such as labelling

Inspection Modernization

- CFIA Oversight
 - Framework for risk-based oversight --- “Risk” to be further defined
- Inspection
 - Common inspection approach including Corrective Action Requests (CARs) for critical and serious food safety non-compliances
 - Industry would develop their own effective Corrective Action Plans (CAPs)
- Compliance and Enforcement
 - Types of responses to non-compliance identified
- System Performance
 - Framework for assessing system performance
- Planned phase in starting Fall 2013 until 2016
- CFIA will work with stakeholders to devise a strategy about how and when changes to their sector will occur

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/accountability/inspection-modernization/revised-draft/eng/1363819614239/1363819834835>

Importer Licensing

- Publication in *Canada Gazette Part 1*, expected Spring 2013
- CFIA is committed to moving forward with importer licensing ahead of modernization as a pilot for future licensing initiatives
- List of products impacted by importer licensing
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/non-federally-registered/imports/proposed-regulations/guide/eng/1334784241708/1334784551831?chap=2#s6c2>



Label & Recipe Registration

- Effective May 1, 2013, label and recipe registration is no longer required for certain meat and processed products
- CFIA Letters of Exemption will no longer be issued effective May 2, 2013 and existing exemption letters will be in effect until May 31, 2013
- The dilution effect will no longer be considered for imports. Imported foods that achieve the <2% meat requirement through preparation will require a meat certificate.
- Changes are aimed at reducing red tape and administrative burden on industry allowing CFIA to focus efforts on its primary mandate of food safety
- The operator or importer is expected to meet all requirements under all CFIA regulations applicable to that product

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/food/meat-and-poultry-products/packaging-and-labelling/pre-market-registration-of-labels-and-recipes/eng/1367431200468/1367431297905>

List of Permitted Dietary Fibres

- April 2013, Health Canada published the “List of Dietary Fibres Permitted for Use in Foods Available for Sale in Canada”
- List includes brand name products and generic products no longer requiring premarket assessment to be used as fibre sources
- List will be periodically updated by Bureau of Nutritional Sciences
- Permitted in unstandardized foods with the exception of infant formula unless otherwise specified
- List can be requested electronically by sending an email to Fibre@hc-sc.gc.ca with “Request List of Accepted Dietary Fibres” in the subject line

Chemical Management Plan Phase 2

Key components:

(1) Section 71 Surveys for potential health and ecological risks, 9 Substance Groupings: Aromatic azo- and benzidine-based substances, Boron-containing substances, Internationally classified substances, Certain organic flame retardants, Cobalt-containing substances, Methylenediphenyl diisocyanates and diamines (MDI/MDA), Phthalates, Selenium-containing substances, Substituted diphenylamines

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/group/index-eng.php>

(2) Rapid Screening approach

(3) Polymer approach - target 2014-2015

Chemical Management Plan, Phase 2

(4) DSL Inventory Update Phase 2

- Survey notices for 2700 substances published Dec 2012 for Sept 4, 2013 completion
- Final screening assessment of 1066 substances of low concern
- Reporting on Calendar year 2011, manufactured/imported thresholds
- Reporting via the Single Window Information Manager (SWIM) – register for a log-in GCKey & create a business profile.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/plan-eng.php>

<https://ec.ss.ec.gc.ca/>

Revised ICL posted, 90-day comment period

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/contaminants/person/impact/list/revised-icl_lsc-reviser-eng.php

Phytosanitary Import Requirements

- CFIA draft directive of requirements for the import of grain from the U.S. into Canada
- Grain or field crops including pulses, oilseeds, cereals (other than barley, oats, rye, triticale, and wheat), forages, and other special crops including mustard.
- Imported grains that undergo further processing (screenings generated), require either an import permit and a compliance agreement, or a phytosanitary certificate.
- Regulation of pests & weeds in the agricultural & forestry sections.
- CFIA's objective is to have the draft directive completed by the fall of 2013 for stakeholder consultation.

QUESTIONS?

Thank you

