



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Red meat
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Proposed Amendments to the <i>Safe Food for Canadians Regulations</i> to address unmet slaughter capacity. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 36
6. Description of content: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is proposing amendments to the <i>Safe Food for Canadians Regulations</i> (SFCR) to reduce barriers to the interprovincial trade of red meat and support food security when there is unmet slaughter capacity. <p>The proposed amendments would create a targeted one-time, time-limited exemption under the SFCR to allow the interprovincial movement and sale of low volumes of red meat when there is unmet slaughter capacity.</p> <p>To ensure food safety and no impact on international trade, the proposed exemption would be limited, apply to low volumes of meat that will be identifiable and traceable, and the provinces involved would need to agree to provide food safety oversight.</p> <p>Any food businesses preparing products for export would continue to meet all applicable requirements under the <i>Safe Food for Canadians Act</i> (SFCA) and SFCR, including licensing, preventive controls, traceability, and export certification. As a result, Canada's internationally recognized food safety assurances, and its ability to meet foreign market conditions, would remain fully intact.</p> <p>Additional proposed amendments to the SFCR would reduce red tape and improve regulatory clarity, including clarifying that importers and exporters must meet all applicable SFCR requirements prior to the import or export of food.</p>
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Safe Food for Canadians Act and Safe Food for Canadians Regulations</i> Canada Gazette, Part I, 27 June 2026 (pages 1723-1758, available in English in French): https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2026/2026-06-27/pdf/g1-16026.pdf#page=40</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Within 12 months of publication in the Canada Gazette, Part I.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Within 12 months of publication in the Canada Gazette, Part I.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): These Regulations would come into force on the date they are registered and published in the Canada Gazette, Part II.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 29 August 2026</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The electronic version of the regulatory texts can be found at: https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2026/2026-06-27/html/reg1-eng.html (English) https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2026/2026-06-27/html/reg1-fra.html (French)</p> <p>Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Global Affairs Canada Technical Barriers and Regulations Division 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0G2 Canada E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca</p>