



# ***Equivalence of Food Safety Systems, Meat and Poultry Export Certification***

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## *Equivalence of Food Safety Systems for Meat and Poultry Products*



# Overview of the initiative

## Objective:

- Ensure public health goals are met by enhanced information sharing
- Reduce where possible, certain specific regulatory requirements as they pertain to inspection and re-inspection activities

## Deliverable/Outcome:

- Streamline requirements and simplify associated administrative procedures for products produced under Canada and U.S. equivalent meat and poultry product inspection systems



# Progress update

## Action Item 1:

- Streamline requirements and procedures related to equivalence

## Current Status:

- Canada/U.S. are drafting a side-by-side comparison in order to determine equivalence
- Undertaking further analysis on areas of mutual interest



# Progress update

## Action Item 2:

- Establish a mechanism to maintain and promote continued alignment

### Current Status:

- Terms of Reference have been finalized to establish a senior level commitment between CFIA and FSIS
- This action item will be refined as necessary over the coming months.



# Next steps and key issues

## Next Steps

- CFIA and FSIS will complete the side-by-side review by Fall 2013.
- The goal of this review is to identify and eliminate redundant requirements on both sides.
- Harmonization of requirements where possible.



## *Meat and Poultry Product Certification*





# Overview of the initiative

## Objective:

- To reduce or eliminate redundant certification requirements, data elements and administrative procedures for shipments flowing between Canada and the U.S.

## Deliverable/Outcome:

- Streamline the meat and poultry certification process



# Progress update

## Action Item:

- Streamline/eliminate certification requirements and procedures

## Current Status:

- CFIA and FSIS are jointly assessing areas where certification could be simplified



## Next steps and key issues

- Further discussion between Canada and the U.S. to identify opportunities to simplify certification and eliminate outdated and redundant requirements
- Continued discussion with APHIS on requirement for veterinary signature
- Collaboration with FSIS on e-Cert efforts to facilitate CFIA progress in this area



## Process for the next three months for ongoing alignment work

- *Current collaboration is a good foundation for future work and provides a starting point for deeper regulatory cooperation.*
- *Work undertaken to date has been exploratory in nature and could form part of a more systemic approach in the future.*



# Questions

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Comments?