



# ***Common Approach to Food Safety***

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# Overview of the initiative

## Objective:

- Strengthening the existing bilateral regulatory alignment mechanisms to enhance cooperation and information exchange between Canada and the US during the development of regulations

## Deliverables/Outcomes:

- Improved public health outcomes resulting from bilateral collaboration will enhance food safety for consumers in both countries while providing strategic benefit to both countries
- Improved alignment of regulatory systems, reduction of unnecessary duplications, enhanced information sharing and leveraged resources will meet public health missions



# Progress update

## Action Item 1:

- Systems recognition assessments (previously termed "comparability") of the Canadian and US food safety systems within the mandates of CFIA and USFDA

## Current Status:

- Canada and the US are in the process of reviewing the implementation of each others' food safety systems.



# Progress update

## Action Item 2:

- FDA and Canada with the CFIA-HC-FDA Joint Committee on Food Safety will develop an arrangement that will focus on regulatory cooperation on common food safety priorities

## Current Status:

- A draft information exchange process has been developed



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

- Current collaboration is a good basis for future work to strengthen ongoing alignment mechanisms.
- Work over the next few months is expected to focus on the mechanism for enhanced cooperation and information exchange.
- Work undertaken to date has been exploratory in nature and could form part of a more systemic approach in the future.



## Next steps and key issues

- Completion of Canada and FDA's assessment of each others food safety systems
- Dependant on the outcomes of the assessment, develop a recognition arrangement
- Presentation of the draft information sharing process at the upcoming CFIA-HC-FDA Joint Committee on Food Safety



# Questions

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