
CFIA—REGULATORY MODERNIZATION

The intent of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Regulatory Modernization is to have a single inspection approach that can be applied to all regulated food—imported as well as domestically produced. Currently there are eight inspection programs; the goal of the modernization initiative is to develop a single approach to food inspection using one program in order to streamline and improve food safety in Canada.

Bill S-11: [Safe Food for Canadians Act](#) which encompasses the legislative changes received Royal Assent on November 22, 2012; the *Act* will come into force once the regulations are written and posted in Gazette II. This *Act* consolidates the inspection and enforcement powers from the *Fish Inspection Act*, *Meat Inspection Act*, *Canada Agricultural Products Act* and the food provisions of the *Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act*, as well as extending these requirements to interprovincial trade, imports and exports.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has held numerous consultations on the framework and potential regulations that will be developed under the *Safe Food for Canadians Act* (SFCA). It is expected that the regulations and guidance documents will be published in Gazette I by the end of 2014 and in Gazette II in early 2015.

IMPACT ON BAKING INDUSTRY

The SFCA is expected to come into force at early 2015. At that time, the baking industry (including bakeries, suppliers, import brokers, etc.) will be required to have a preventive control plan (PCP) in place and acquire a license if they import food commodities or prepare them for inter-provincial trade.

For more information on how to prepare for these changes or to obtain copies of BAC responses to consultations, BAC members can contact Laura Pasut at lpasut@baking.ca
