



Canadian Food
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne
d'inspection des aliments

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Our vision:

To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

Our mission:

Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

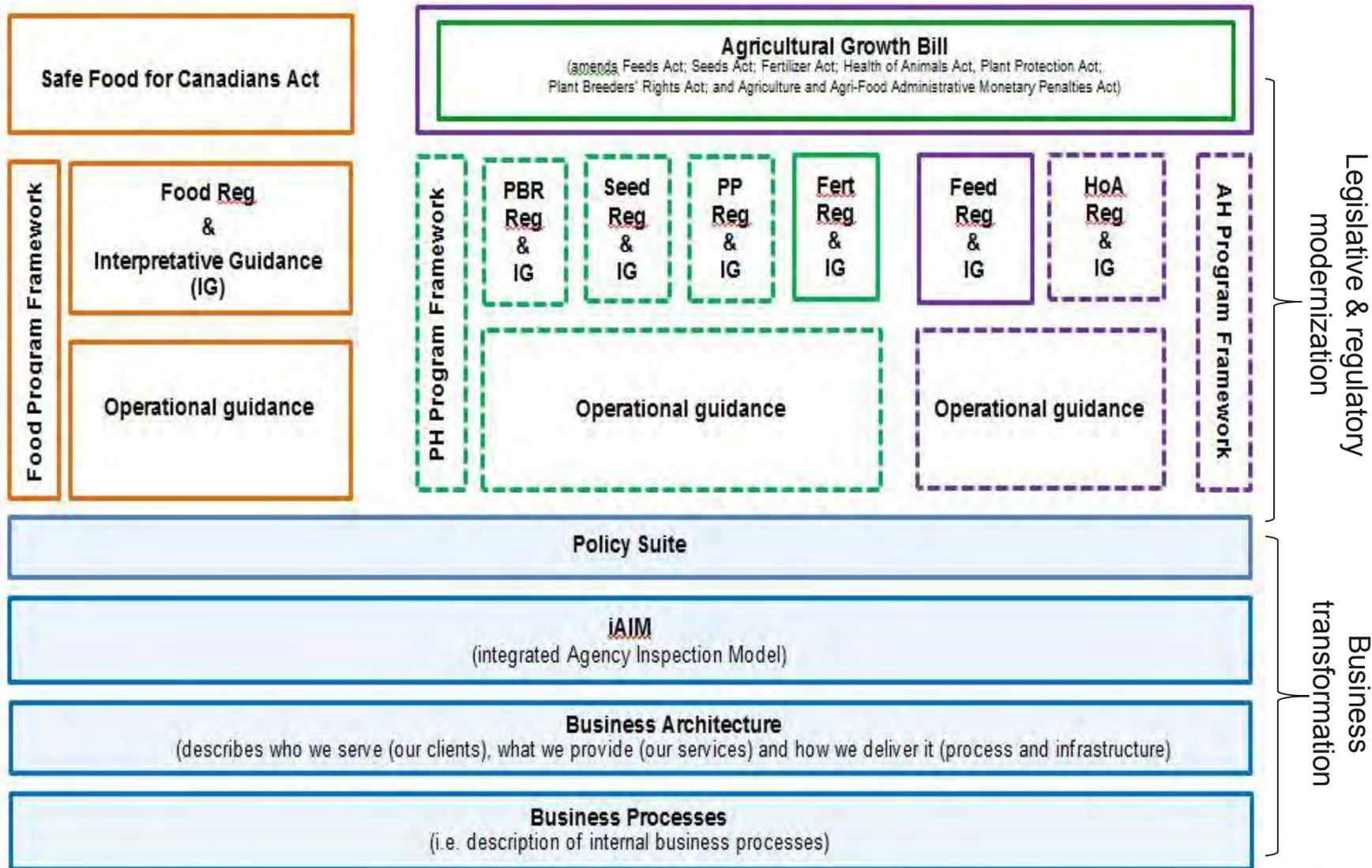
Food Program Framework

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Agency Transformation at a Glance



Food Program Framework

Purpose:

Provides an overarching framework for management of integrated food program

Guiding Principles

Accountability

- Industry, government and consumers are all accountable for safe and compliance food within their sphere of influence

Consistency

- Framework applies across the entire food continuum and commodities, is consistent with international obligations, respects the CFIA's values and principles and is based on recognized quality management principles

Sound Science

- Framework is based on the best available science and assessment of risk

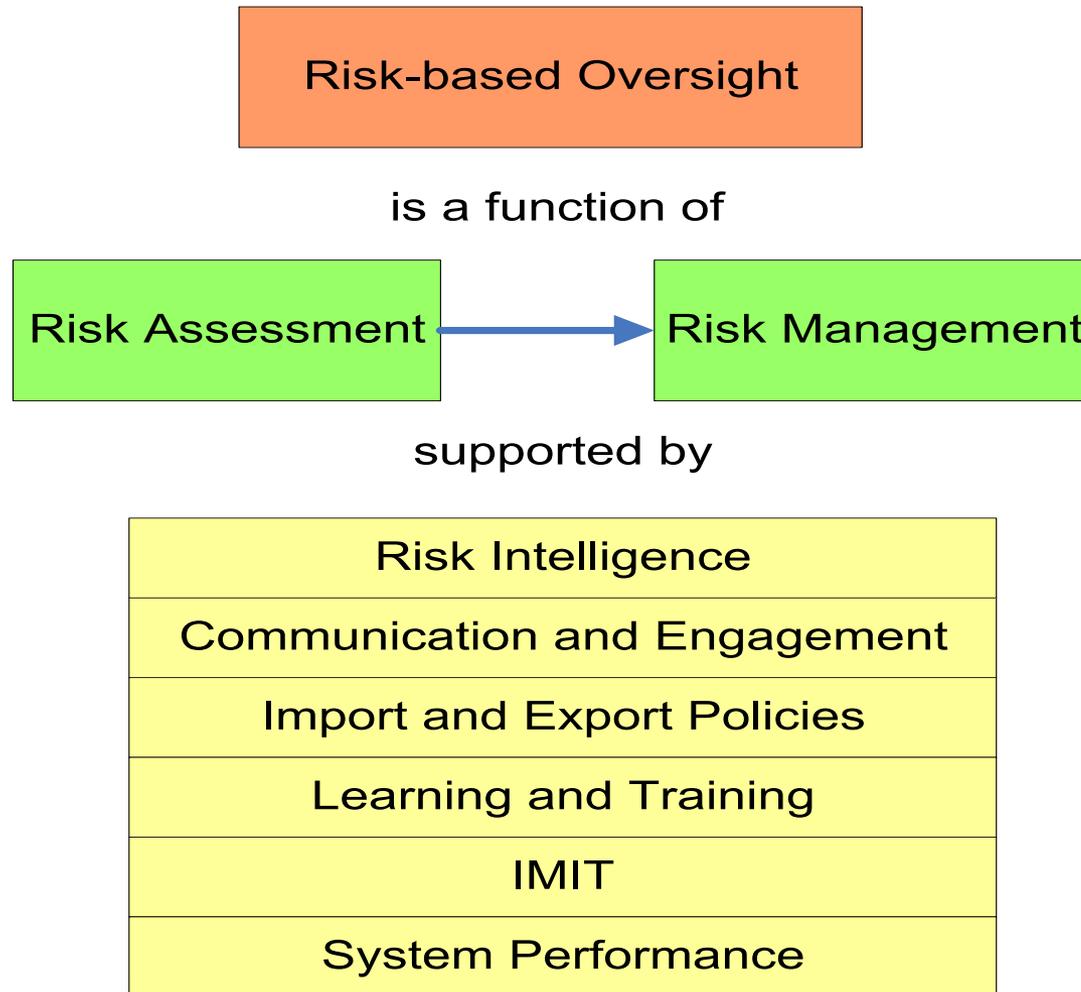
Transparency

- Framework is developed jointly with partners and stakeholders

Program Design

- CFIA's food program is designed to:
 - better manage risk through risk-based decision-making
 - direct resources to areas of highest risk across all food commodities
 - provide strong policy foundation to support the food program
 - promote compliance with regulatory requirements
 - implement predictable and transparent regulatory response when necessary
 - support market access in international trade
- Design not commodity based – but functional: food safety systems, meat hygiene, import/export, and consumer protection and market fairness
- CFIA takes a risk-based approach to oversight and to identification of activities to mitigate risk

Elements of the Food Program

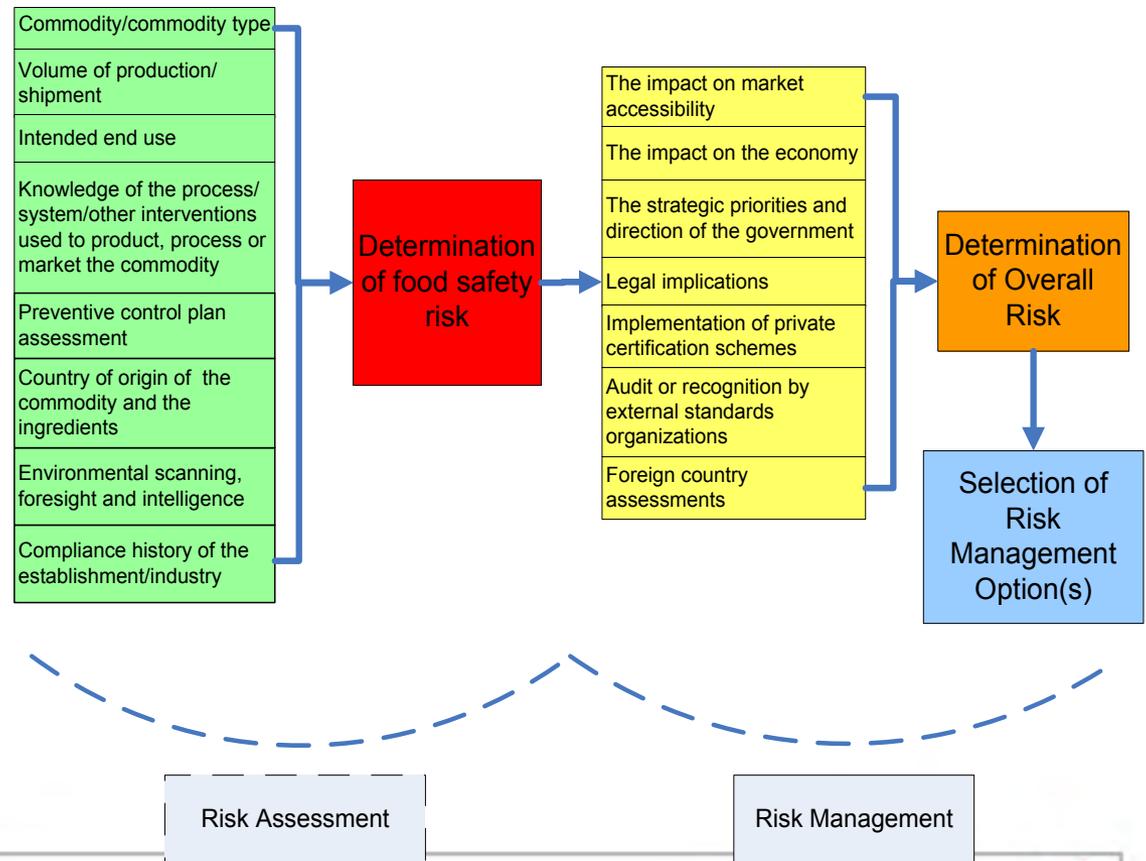


Risk-based Oversight

The CFIA takes an integrated approach based on risk

This approach involves two distinct but related activities:

1. risk assessment and
2. risk management



Risk Management Output

- Based on overall risk, decisions can be made on most appropriate action to address risk
- Some of these actions could be:
 - Compliance promotion products
 - Industry surveillance
 - Compliance verification
 - Development of standards and guidelines etc.
- Consistent interpretation and advice provided to inspectors through Centres of Expertise

Compliance Promotion

- Compliance promotion is any activity that increases awareness, informs, motivates or changes behaviour, and encourages compliance with a regulatory requirement
- CFIA is developing a Compliance Promotion Strategy to address:
 - evolving operating environment,
 - unique needs of small and medium-sized operations and
 - greater consistency concerning how information is shared.
- Main vehicle for compliance promotion products is CFIA's website (www.inspection.gc.ca)
 - Will offer plain language interpretations, searchable information and interactive tools

Inspection and Enforcement

- CFIA will continue to verify a regulated party's compliance with regulatory requirements using a risk-based approach
- Resources will be targeted to commodities and processes and to establishments representing the highest overall risk to Canadians
- Units established to deliver “services” – Centres of Administration (licences, permits); National Import (Export) Service Centre - so inspectors can focus on inspection activities
- Control and enforcement actions will be commensurate with the risk presented by the non-compliance

Communication and Engagement

- CFIA values the perspectives of stakeholders who are affected by our actions and decisions
- Communication and engagement is a key component of the Food Program Framework
- Engagement supports:
 - Open, transparent and accountable government
 - Inclusiveness in the design, implementation and evaluation of framework
 - Confidence in the legitimacy and credibility of policies and decisions, facilitating the success of government initiatives

Policy Suite

- CFIA is developing a series of policies to promote consistency and outline the guiding principles regarding the design and development of the Food Program
- Policies will provide transparency and predictability for industry and trading partners
- Examples include: incorporation by reference, foreign systems recognition, third party certification, etc

Learning and Training

- CFIA
 - values competent, qualified and motivated personnel, whose efforts drive the results of the Agency;
 - is committed to professional development; and
 - supports learning and development programs that are relevant to the business priorities of the Agency as articulated in the Agency's Learning Policy.
- CFIA has developed a Learning and Training Architecture Forward Plan (2013-2019) that outlines training requirements for all CFIA inspectors

IMIT

- Robust and integrated information management and technology is a foundational element
- CFIA employs a flexible and scalable information system that provides easy access to complete and reliable information, enabling system and performance reporting as well as process optimization.
- CFIA also uses modern IMIT devices for capturing data in the field and ensures that the support of these tools is at the highest standard.

System Performance

- CFIA utilizes a continuous review mechanism to monitor and evaluate the overall effectiveness of the inspection system and this framework.
- Establishing key desired outcomes and measuring performance allows all parties to adapt, improve, and become more effective at managing risks to human health.
- Key performance indicators and targets will be developed to check whether policies, procedures and practices that are critical for human health and protection of environment are successful
- Appeals and Redress office, inspection verification teams, quality management system, COE feedback all key players

Other elements of the FPF

- Emergency Planning and Response
 - Shared responsibility
 - CFIA Emergency Response Plan, Food Safety Emergency Response Functional Plan, Canada's Foodborne Illness Outbreak Response Protocol
- Roles and Responsibilities
 - Regulated parties/industry, government partners (CFIA, Health Canada, PHAC, CBSA, AAFC, Provinces/Territories), consumers, international trading partners
- Governance
 - FPT, internal
- Planned spending

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