



Canadian Food
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne
d'inspection des aliments



Fifteen years of internationally
recognized expertise

Quinze années d'expertise reconnue
à l'échelle internationale

Canadian Food Inspection Agency



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 Safety Modernization

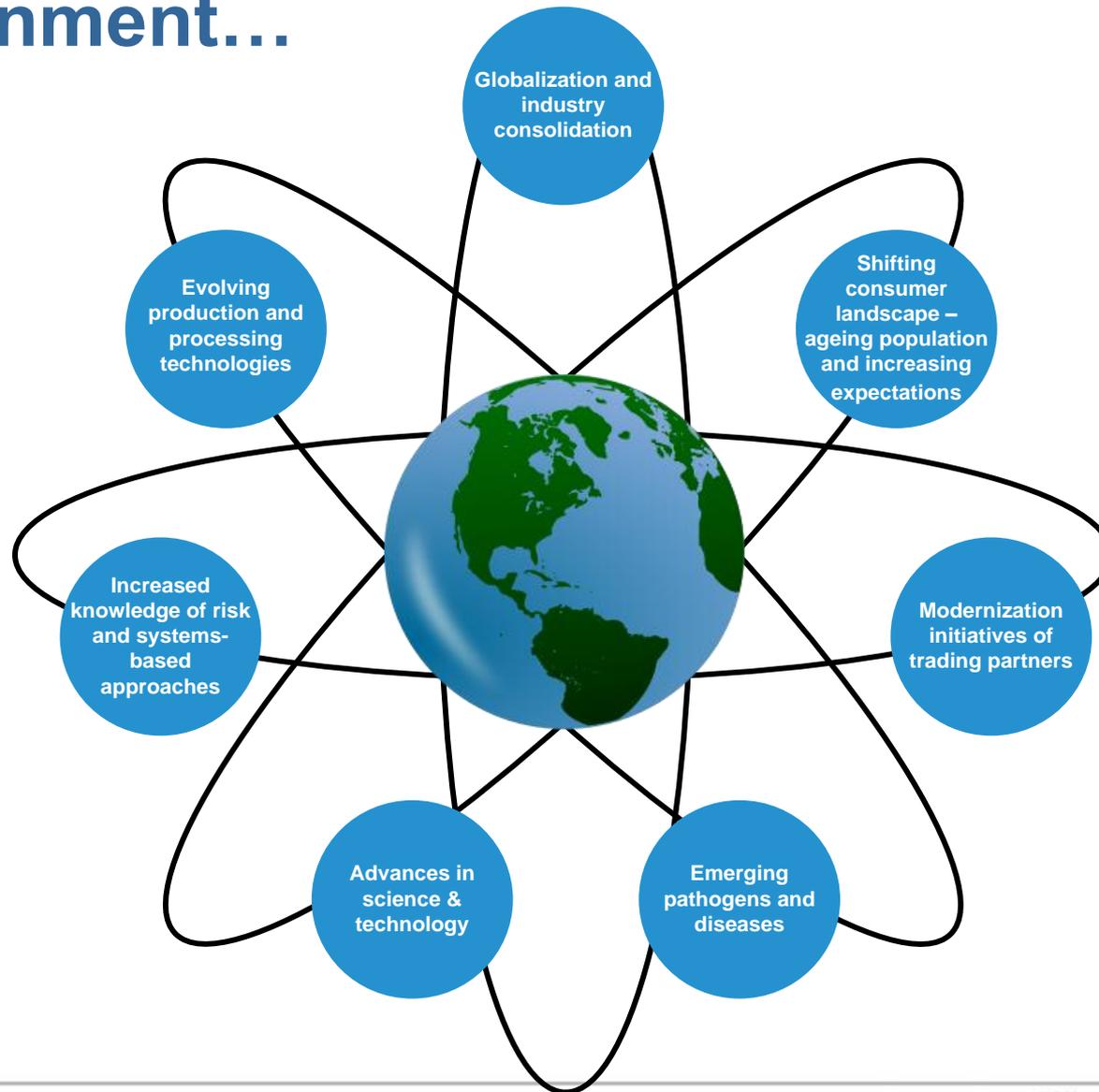
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CFIA modernization

- CFIA began modernizing business functions 2 years ago.
- Budget 2011 provided the CFIA with \$100M over 5 years
- *Safe Food for Canadians Act* consolidates the majority of current food legislation.
- The Act and the proposed food inspection model complement each other and are consistent in approach.
- The Act and modernization efforts align Canada with steps the United States are taking with *Food Safety Modernization Act*.
- Modernization includes new training and tools for inspectors as well as investment in science.

Given the dynamic global food environment...



Canada's Food Safety System Involves a Range of Partners



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Provincial/ municipal agencies	Federal partners	CFIA	Industry	Consumers
<p>Enforce food safety laws within their jurisdiction</p> <p>Inspection, public health and food safety surveillance</p>	<p>Lead public health surveillance and outbreak investigations</p> <p>Develop health policies and standards and conduct health risk assessments</p>	<p>Delivers federal food inspection programs</p> <p>Investigates foods linked to illness outbreaks</p> <p>Initiates food recalls</p>	<p>Responsible for the production of safe food in compliance with government standards</p>	<p>Responsible for safe food handling and preparation</p>

Food safety enhancements planned to realize stronger system

1. Stronger Food Safety Rules

- ✓ Legislative, Regulatory and Program Modernization
- ✓ Importer Licensing
- ✓ Meat manual changes
- ✓ Traceability for food



2. More Effective Inspection

- ✓ Inspection Modernization
- ✓ Better inspection tools and training
- ✓ Better guidance documents
- ✓ Centres of Expertise
- ✓ Strengthened Science Capacity



3. A Commitment to Service

- ✓ Statement of Rights and Service
- ✓ Complaints and appeals review
- ✓ Compliance promotion
- ✓ Service Standards and User fees
- ✓ IMIT Modernization



4. More Information for Consumers

- ✓ Transparency initiatives
- ✓ Labelling and Claims Modernization
- ✓ Improved on-line tools



1. Stronger food safety rules

Initiatives

Objectives to be achieved

Safe Food for Canadians Act



Industry responsibility affirmed

Food Regulations/Program



Better protection for Canadians

Importer licensing



Prevention focus/robust & responsive regulation

Strengthened requirements for meat



Risk-based decisions to better manage risk

Traceability for food



Outcomes and systems based approaches

International consistency



2. More effective inspection

Initiatives

Inspection Model

Better Guidance Documents

Compliance Promotion

Centres of Expertise

Enhanced Science Capacity



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Better verification and protection for Canadians

Risk-based decisions to better manage risk

Systems-based approaches

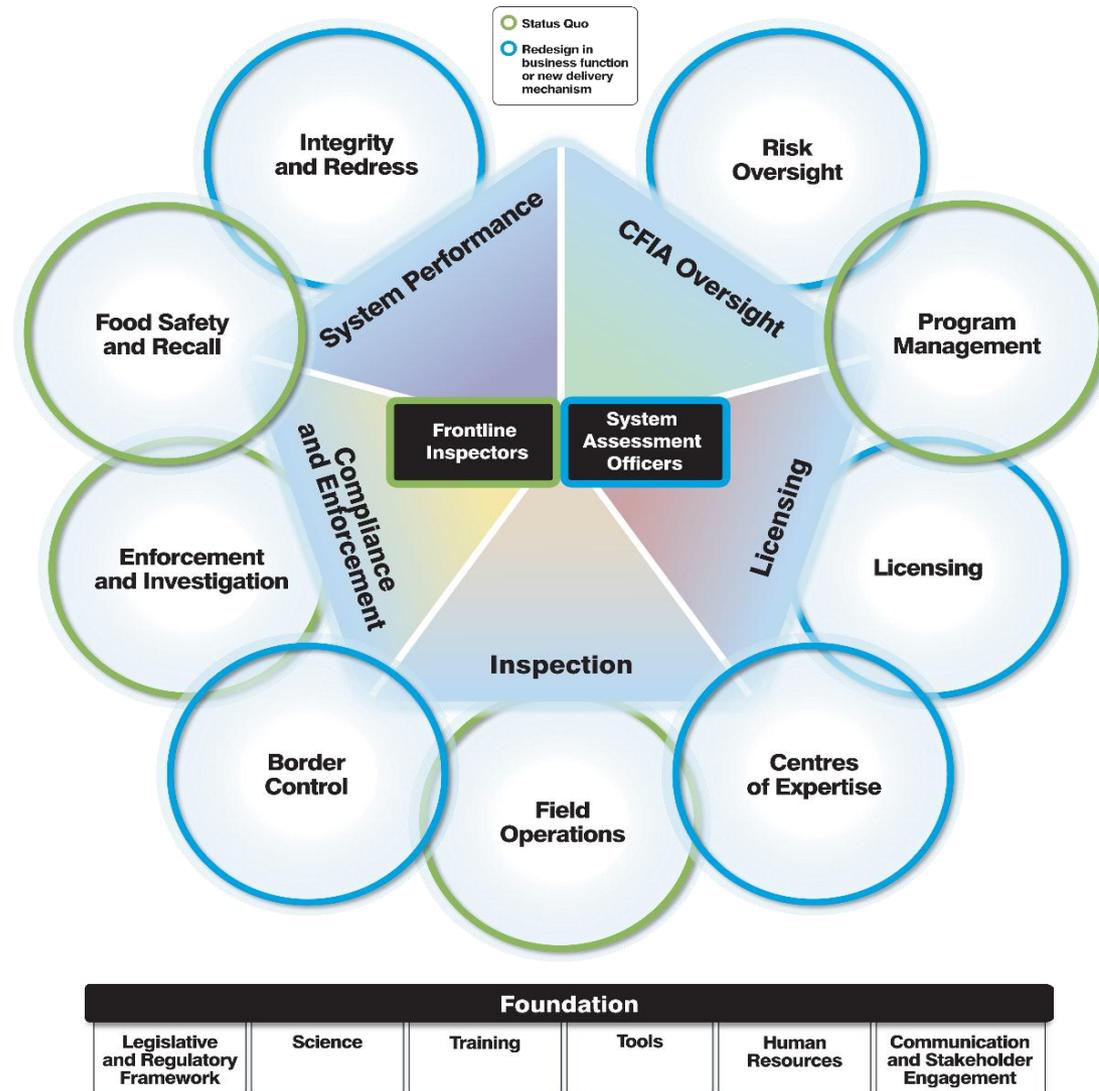
Transparency

System assessed regularly

More consistent regulatory interpretation

Regulated parties understand obligations

New inspection model developed...



3. A commitment to service

Initiatives

Objectives to be achieved

Changing Culture



Recognize/reinforce Industry responsibility

Service Standards and user fees



Continuous improvement at CFIA

Review mechanism



Better food safety results for Canadians

IMIT enabled electronic interface



Better service provider to industry



4. More information for consumers

Initiatives

Transparency agenda

Food labelling and claims modernization

Improved on-line tools



Objectives to be achieved

Provide useful food safety information to Canadians

Better food safety results for Canadians

Regulated parties understand obligations

Result: Better Focus on Prevention

- Proposed initiatives enable all partners in the food safety system to better perform their roles in keeping food safe
- New approach allows better targeting of risk and rapid response
- Result will be a stronger food safety culture throughout the food system



Conclusion

- Canada is building on a strong food safety system
 - **The system must evolve; Initiatives designed to maintain legacy of safe food in Canada**
- The priority is preventing food safety risks
 - **Planned initiatives focus on prevention and include series of integrated actions to deliver highest possible level of food safety for Canadians**
- Will mean new requirements for licensing and preventive controls for many
 - **Government commits to working to tailor approaches to small businesses and provide time to transition**

Conclusion

Enhancements over the next couple years will mean

- stronger food safety culture and better focus on prevention
- stronger legal and regulatory basis
- safer food supply
- consistent inspection approach
- new requirements for licensing and preventive controls

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