

To: CanadaGAP Stakeholders

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Subject: Canada-U.S. Regulatory Initiatives Presentation Available on CanadaGAP Website

A new presentation on Canada-U.S. regulatory initiatives is now available on the CanadaGAP website to explain how CanadaGAP certification fits with recent regulatory initiatives in Canada and the U.S.

The Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR) are expected to be published in spring/summer 2018. The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) has already come into force in the U.S.

The presentation puts into context for program participants:

- how CanadaGAP requirements line up with SFCR requirements
- how CanadaGAP's Full Government Recognition positions the program as a "model system" to meet regulatory requirements
- the results of CFIA's assessment of CanadaGAP under its Private Certification Policy
- and more.

The presentation is now available on the CanadaGAP website at: <a href="https://www.canadagap.ca/publications/presentations/">https://www.canadagap.ca/publications/presentations/</a>

As a reminder, CanadaGAP has also made available various resources to help CanadaGAP-certified companies in or exporting to the United States determine how they will be impacted by the *Food Safety Modernization Act*. For these resources, visit the Food Safety Links webpage: <a href="https://www.canadagap.ca/audit-checklist/food-safety-links/">https://www.canadagap.ca/audit-checklist/food-safety-links/</a>, and click on the tab labelled 'FSMA Resources'.

If Canadian program participants are facing pressures from U.S. buyers with respect to the *Foreign Supplier Verification Program* (FSVP), please let us know. It is important to quantify the extent and impact of the new legislation for the Canadian food safety industry as U.S. regulations are implemented.

If you have any questions or require additional information, send us an email at <a href="mailto:info@canadagap.ca">info@canadagap.ca</a> or call our office at 613-829-4711.

CanadaGAP® is a program developed in Canada to promote Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for fruit and vegetable suppliers.

