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To: CanadaGAP Stakeholders
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Subject: World Food Safety Day – June 7

The [first annual World Food Safety Day](#) will be held on June 7, 2019. A resolution to create a day promoting awareness of food safety was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and the Codex Alimentarius Commission on December 20, 2018.

“World Food Safety Day will be a chance for everyone to take a moment to think about something we often take for granted”, said Codex Secretary Tom Heilandt. “Thanks to the widespread efforts of Codex Members and Observers, the international community will speak with one voice on June 7 to promote awareness and inspire actions for safer food”, he said.

As a food safety program designed to help implement and maintain effective food safety procedures within fresh produce operations, CanadaGAP is pleased to lend its support to this initiative. The new annual event is an opportunity for companies around the world to drive food safety awareness around the official theme of implementation.

The first annual World Food Safety Day will draw attention and direct efforts to stopping approximately 600 million cases of foodborne illnesses that occur annually. CanadaGAP program participants can take pride in the contribution they are making towards managing risk effectively and reducing the burden of foodborne illness.

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



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