

# COMMUNIQUÉ CANADAGAP® COMMUNIQUÉ

**To:** CanadaGAP Stakeholders  
**Date:** August 5, 2020  
**Subject:** Canadian Government launching Essential Services Contingency Reserve

The CanadaGAP® Program would like to ensure that certified companies are aware of the Essential Services Contingency Reserve (ESCR) launched by the Canadian federal government on August 3, 2020 for operations in the essential services industries including food production.

From the Government of Canada's website:

“Through the ESCR, eligible essential service business or organizations may apply to receive personal protective equipment (PPE), non-medical masks and disinfection products to address urgent, short-term (45 days) needs... Supplies are provided on a cost-recovery basis to businesses or organizations that cannot access supplies through other means and when significant service disruptions are imminent. Support provided to provincial or territorial governments will not be cost recovered.

Before requesting support from the ESCR, your business or organization should visit the PPE supply hub for [information on buying personal protective equipment](#), and explore all other sources of support, including existing support from within your sector and/or provincial or territorial governments.”

The webpage for the ESCR is available at : <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/services/escr.html>

A link is also available from CanadaGAP's COVID-19 webpage : <https://www.canadagap.ca/covid-19/>. This webpage is being maintained and updated on a regular basis as a one-stop shop for COVID-19 links and resources for CanadaGAP-certified companies.

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

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