

## Importers to Register by July 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

Please find following links to info and FAQ regarding the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR), implemented January 15, 2019. **CFIA timelines** outline info on import license deadlines based on commodity. Additional requirements under the SFCRs may apply in 2020-2021 based on food commodity, type of activity and business size. The license fee is ~\$250.00 and is valid for 2 years. The application online should take ~1 hour, and **email inquiries to CFIA** have had a ~10 day response time.

### General info and application process

Food importers should visit the following CFIA webpage: <https://www.inspection.gc.ca/mycfia>. CFIA related guides and detailed info is available there, including links to:

1. General info on Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR)
2. Step by Step Guide on the SFCR
3. Find out if your business needs a license
4. Process for Requesting a Safe Food for Canadians License (link to video)

The new food import license requirement was implemented January 2019, the license deadlines vary depending on the food category however all food importers will require the license by July 15, 2020. Please review the following links for further info/requirements.

### Safe Food for Canadians Regulations

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2018-108/index.html>

### License - Online Application

<https://www.inspection.gc.ca/food-licences/eng/1523876882572/1523876882884>

### Timelines

<https://www.inspection.gc.ca/food-safety-for-industry/timelines/eng/1528199762125/1528199763186>

### Toolkit for Business

<https://www.inspection.gc.ca/food-safety-for-industry/toolkit-for-food-businesses/eng/1427299500843/1427299800380>

### Info for Non-Resident Importers of Food

<https://www.inspection.gc.ca/importing-food-plants-or-animals/foodimports/nri/eng/1539874432061/1539874432404>

### Glossary of key terms

<https://www.inspection.gc.ca/food-safety-for-industry/toolkit-for-food-businesses/glossary-of-key-terms/eng/1430250286859/1430250287405>

### More detailed info

For more information about the SFCR, visit [inspection.gc.ca/safefood](https://www.inspection.gc.ca/safefood)

### Contact CFIA

<https://www.inspection.gc.ca/industry-guidance/ask-cfia/eng/1466573216927/1466573290851>

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