



Inspection Modernization

OPTIMIZING CONFIDENCE IN FOOD SAFETY



The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is building on its strong foundation and strengthening Canada's current federal inspection approaches and tools.

What is inspection modernization?

It is having a single and consistent inspection approach that can be applied across all imported and domestic food commodities destined for inter-provincial or international trade.

Inspection modernization will improve the existing inspection model by

- achieving an appropriate balance between traditional visual inspection and verification of industry preventative control systems
- expanding the use of science and inspection data to help focus resources on areas with the greatest risk and non-compliance
- adapting inspection tactics and recognizing emerging risks more rapidly to mitigate and prevent potential hazards

Inspection modernization also includes

- state-of-the-art training and development programs to maintain a professional and highly-skilled inspection workforce
- technology and tools to support the work of industry and inspectors
- implementing and verifying industry compliance with Health Canada's revised *Listeria* policy for all high-risk foods

Elements of the strengthened food inspection model will also be applied to the CFIA's plant and animal health programs, where appropriate.

Benefits for stakeholders

For consumers

Modernized inspection will allow the CFIA to detect and respond to food safety issues or emergencies more quickly and more effectively.

For industry

Modernized inspection will improve market access and give Canadian companies the flexibility to design their own food safety systems that comply with CFIA requirements. It will also create a more level playing field for businesses by streamlining the inspection process into a single system and eliminating the need for businesses to address multiple requirements.

