NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Canada  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Canada's SPS & TBT Notification Authority and Enquiry Point  Global Affairs Canada  Technical Barriers and Regulations Division (TIB)  111 Sussex Drive  Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2  Canada  Telephone: (343)203-4273  Fax: (613)943-0346  E-mail: [enquirypoint@international.gc.ca](mailto:enquirypoint@international.gc.ca) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [****], 5.6.2 [****], 5.7.1 [****], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** All plant, animal and food commodities |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Notice to International Trading Partners: Progress Towards Electronic Certification (5 pages, available in English and French) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is launching electronic export certificates for plant, animal and food commodities. Certificates will now be signed with either ink or electronic signature and can be viewed securely online. The automation of export processes and certificates will be phased in throughout 2018-2020.  The attached document "The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is moving to Electronic Certification" outlines the minor procedural and format changes the CFIA has made to electronic export certificates, also attached are samples of the new format of Canadian electronic export certificates. These changes are only impacting CFIA general purpose and/or internationally recognized certificates.  All bilaterally negotiated certificates remain unchanged. For bilaterally negotiated certificates that will be launched electronically, the CFIA will engage with foreign competent authorities directly. All negotiated export requirements for public or plant/animal health requirements and associated attestations for bilaterally negotiated certificates remain in place.  This measure is also notified to the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures as G/SPS/N/CAN/1192. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Other; CFIA Electronic Certification |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  Samples of the New Format of Canadian Electronic Export Certificates for:  a. Food   1. Dairy Certificate CFIA/ACIA 5813 2. Meat - Certificate CFIA/ACIA 1454   b. Plant   1. Phytosanitary Export Certificate 2. Re-export Certificate |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Electronic export certificates will be phased in throughout 2018-2020. Adoption of CFIA electronic export certificates will be notified to the Committee.  **Proposed date of entry into force:**  Dairy Certificate (formerly TS-1, CFIA/ACIA 5813): Mid 2018-19  Meat Certificate (CFIA/ACIA 1454): Late 2018-19  Phytosanitary Certificate: 2019  Re-export Phytosanitary Certificate: 2019 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/my-cfia/notice-to-international-trading-partners/eng/1529586761679/1529586762052> (English) <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/au-sujet-de-l-acia/mon-acia/avis-aux-partenaires-commerciaux-internationaux/fra/1529586761679/1529586762052> (French)  Canada's SPS and TBT Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G2 Tel: +(343) 203 4273 Fax: +(613) 943 0346 E-mail: [enquirypoint@international.gc.ca](mailto:enquirypoint@international.gc.ca)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/CAN/18_4009_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/CAN/18_4009_01_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/CAN/18_4009_02_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/CAN/18_4009_03_e.pdf> |