

CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY

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The Safe Food for Canadian Act (SFCA) is an Act respecting food commodities, including their inspection, their safety, their labelling and advertising, their import, export and interprovincial trade, the establishment of standards for them, the registration or licensing of persons who perform certain activities related to them, the establishment of standards governing establishments where those activities are performed and the registration of establishments where those activities are performed.

The importation or exportation of Food, Plants, Animals and related products may also be regulated by other government departments such as Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Global Affairs Canada.

In addition, although the importation of human pathogens is not regulated by the CFIA, there are pathogens that are both human and animal (zoonotic) and these are regulated by both the CFIA and the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). PHAC is responsible for the administration of certain provisions of the Health of Animals Act and Health of Animals Regulations. It issues import permits and transfer authorizations for most terrestrial animal pathogens (excluding aquatic animals, bees, invertebrates and pathogens that cause emerging or foreign animal diseases).

Regulated goods

- Animal feed
- Animal and plant pathogens, including microorganisms and biological material
- Fertilizers, fertilizer-pesticide combination products, soil supplements and growing media
- Fish, seafood and fish products
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Grains, seeds, and nuts
- Live animals including:
 - terrestrial animals
 - aquatic animals (including gametes and germplasm)
 - animal semen and embryos
 - hatching eggs
 - honey bees
- Pet food and treats
- Plants and plant products
- Processed fruits and vegetables, and maple products
- Products and by-products of animal origin including:
 - meat and meat products, including glands and organs (edible and inedible)
 - eggs and egg products
 - milk and milk products
 - honey, beeswax and propolis
 - hides, skins, feathers, wool and trophies
 - manure
 - rendered animal meals and rendered animal fats
 - animal carcasses, parts and derivatives
 - aquatic animal carcasses, parts of carcasses and offal
 - animal samples (tissues, blood, feces, etc.)
- Roots, bulbs and tubers and other plant matter for propagation
- Soil and related matter
- Wood and wood products

Commonly Required CFIA Documents

- Import permit
- Licenses
- Phytosanitary certificate
- Zoosanitary certificate
- Meat certificate
- Permits/Declaration/Statement of Compliance

Implementation of the CBSA Single Window Initiative (SWI)

Under the Single Window Initiative, release requests will be submitted utilizing a new Integrated Import Declaration (IID) that allows custom brokers to submit and obtain electronic release for goods also regulated by participating department and agencies.

Release requests for regulated CFIA products may be provided to the CBSA electronically by submitting an IID. In addition, the IID allows for the provision of license, certificate, permit and other import documentation information submitted via the Digital Image Functionality and/or as dematerialized information.

Note: The information required for importation under the SWI remains the same as what is currently required. There are no additional requirements due to SWI. There are no additional data requirements for the import process.

Harmonized System (HS) Codes

List of HS codes applicable to goods that may be regulated by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/prog/sw-gu/regcom-marreg/cfia-acia-eng.html>

Data Element Rationales

The following data element rationales provide additional information of the specific data element requirements required under the Single Window Initiative.

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| CFIA Account Number Footnote * | This is an optional field for that can be submitted so the billing of fees relating to the shipment can be charged to the clients CFIA Account Number. |
| CFIA Payer Name | To validate that the CFIA account number provided is for the intended client (this data must be provided if an account number is provided). |
| Importer Contact Type | Required in case the importer needs to be contacted regarding the shipment. |
| Importer Phone Number | Primary method of contacting the importer. |
| Importer Fax Number | Secondary method of contacting the importer. |
| Importer Email | Another secondary method of contacting the importer. |
| Customs Broker Contact Type | Required in case the customs broker needs to be contacted regarding the shipment. |
| Customs Broker Phone Number Footnote * | Primary method of contacting the importers Customs Broker regarding the shipment. |
| Customs Broker Fax Number Footnote * | Secondary method of contacting the importers Customs Broker regarding the shipment. |
| Document Type Footnote * | The coded identifier of the LPCO (licenses, permits, certificates, other) documents required by AIRS must be provided here. |

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| | Documents provided at the transaction level must be applicable to all commodities on this declaration. If not applicable to all commodities, please provide documents at the commodity level (SG121). |
| Document Reference Number Footnote * | For every CFIA- license, permit, certificate, or other document provided at the declaration level, the associated reference number identifying the specific issuance of that document must be provided (e.g., if “Certificate of Analysis” was provided, this field must contain the Certificate of Analysis Number). |
| Image URN Footnote * | If a physical document is required as identified by AIRS for this LPCO, this field must contain a fully-qualified Unique Reference Number (URN) from which an image of a license, permit, certificate or other document can be accessed by qualified CBSA and CFIA employees. |
| CFIA Country of Origin Footnote * | Used to identify the commodity and import requirements, when different from Country of Origin. |
| CFIA State of Origin Footnote * | Used to identify the commodity and import requirements, when different from State of Origin. |
| AIRS Extension Code Footnote * | Used to identify the commodity and import requirements. |
| AIRS End Use Footnote * | Used to identify the commodity and import requirements. |
| AIRS Miscellaneous Footnote * | Used to identify the commodity and import requirements. |
| AIRS Registration Type Footnote * | If required by AIRS, the AIRS Registration Type must be provided in this field exactly as defined in AIRS or it will not pass CFIA validation. |
| AIRS Registration Number Footnote * | For every Registration Type provided, the associated “Registration Number” must be provided (e.g., if “Colour of Trailer” was provided, this field must contain the colour of the trailer i.e. Blue). |
| Commodity Unit Count Footnote * | Used by CFIA to assess risk and validate applicable import requirements. |
| CFIA Country of Origin Footnote * | Used to identify the commodity and import requirements, when different from Commodity Country of Origin. |
| CFIA State of Origin Footnote * | Used to identify the commodity and import requirements, when different from Commodity State of Origin. |
| Commodity Delivery Destination Name and Address Footnote * | Name and location of where the commodity will be delivered and available for inspection. |
| Commodity Delivery Destination Contact Type | Required in case someone who is knowledgeable about the shipment needs to be contacted with regard to the delivery. |
| Commodity Delivery Destination Phone Number Footnote * | Primary method to contact someone who is knowledgeable about the shipment. |
| Commodity Delivery Destination Fax Number Footnote * | Secondary method to contact someone who is knowledgeable about the shipment. |
| Commodity Delivery Destination Email | Another secondary method to contact someone who is knowledgeable about the shipment. |
| Document Type Footnote * | The coded identifier of the LPCO (licenses, permits, certificates, other) documents required by AIRS must be provided here. |
| Document Reference Number Footnote * | For every CFIA- license, permit, certificate, or other document provided at the declaration level, the associated reference number identifying the specific issuance of that document must be provided (e.g., if “Certificate of Analysis” was provided, this field must contain the Certificate of Analysis Number). |

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| Document Location Footnote * | If a physical document required is identified by AIRS for this LPCO, this field must contain a fully-qualified Unique Reference Number (URN) from which an image of a license, permit, certificate or other document can be accessed by qualified CBSA and CFIA employees. |
| *Footnote * | These are not new data element requirements (clients already submit this data through the OGD PARS/RMD). |

Electronic Commerce Client Requirements Document (ECCRD)

The following table provides the specific rules and conditions associated to each of the data elements for CFIA Declarations. The data elements are: Mandatory (M), Conditional (C) or Optional (O).

| Data element name | PGA element definition | Data element status | Data element rules and conditions |
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| CFIA Account Number | CFIA Account Number | C | The CFIA account number for the payment of CFIA processing fees. If provided, only provide one occurrence per transaction. |
| CFIA Payer Name | CFIA Name of Payer | C | The name of the payer associated with the CFIA account being used for CFIA processing fees must be provided if an account number is provided. |
| Importer Contact Type | Importer Contact Type | M | The Importer Information Contact (IC) (knowledge of the specific shipment) must be provided. |
| Importer Contact Method | Importer Phone Number | M | The phone number of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided. |
| Importer Contact Method | Importer Fax Number | C | The importer fax number of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no Customs Broker; The importer fax number or email of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided if: There is not a delivery destination for every CFIA regulated commodity line. |
| Importer Contact Method | Importer Email | C | The importer fax number or email of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is not a delivery destination for every CFIA regulated commodity line. |
| Customs Broker Contact Type | Customs Broker Contact Type | C | The Customs Broker Information Contact (IC) (knowledge of the specific shipment) must be provided if a Customs Broker party is provided. |
| Customs Broker Contact Method | Customs Broker Phone Number | C | The phone number of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided if a Customs Broker party is provided. |
| Customs Broker Contact Method | Customs Broker Fax Number | C | The fax number of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided if a Customs Broker party is provided. |

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| Document Type | Document Type | C | <p>The coded identifier of the LPCO (licenses, permits, certificates, other) documents required by AIRS must be provided here. Documents provided must be applicable to all commodities on this declaration. If not applicable to all commodities please provide documents at the commodity level (SG121).</p> <p>Codes must be transmitted exactly as defined in AIRS or it will not pass CFIA validation.</p> |
| Document Reference Number | Document Reference Number | C | <p>For every CFIA- controlled license, permit or certificate provided at the declaration level, the associated reference number identifying the specific issuance of that document must be provided. For example, if “Certificate of Analysis” was provided, this field must contain the Certificate of Analysis Number.</p> |
| Image URN | Image URN | C | <p>If a physical document required is identified by AIRS for this LPCO, this field must contain a fully-qualified Unique Reference Number (URN) from which an image of a license, permit, certificate or other document can be accessed by qualified CBSA and CFIA employees.</p> |
| Invoice Delivery Destination Details | Invoice Delivery Destination | C | <p>Delivery Destination(s) must be provided if different from the Importer Party Address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery Party Address must be Canadian • Delivery Party Address must be a civic address • Delivery Destination(s) provided at the invoice level must be applicable to all commodities on the invoice • If submitting multiple destinations within a single invoice, each destination must be within the same province. For multiple destinations across multiple provinces, the invoice must be subdivided into multiple invoices, each with a distinct province. <p>See Appendix A for the identification details that must be provided.</p> |
| Invoice Delivery Destination Contact Type | Invoice Delivery Destination Contact Type | C | <p>The Delivery Destination Information Contact (IC) (knowledge of the specific shipment) must be provided for each Delivery Destination.</p> |
| Invoice Delivery Destination Contact (Phone) | Invoice Delivery Destination Phone Number | C | <p>A Delivery Destination phone number of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided for each Delivery Destination.</p> |
| Invoice Delivery Destination Contact (Fax) | Invoice Delivery Destination Fax Number | C | <p>Either a Delivery Destination fax number or email of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided for each Delivery Destination.</p> |
| Invoice Delivery Destination Contact (Email) | Invoice Delivery Destination Email | C | <p>Either a Delivery Destination fax number or email of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided for each Delivery Destination.</p> |

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| Commodity Delivery Destination Details | Commodity Delivery Destination | C | <p>Delivery Destination(s) must be provided if different from the Importer or Invoice Delivery Party Address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery Party Address must be Canadian • Delivery Party Address must be a civic address (see details below) • Delivery Destination(s) provided at the commodity level must be applicable to the commodity line • If submitting multiple destinations within a single commodity line, each destination must be within the same province. For multiple destinations across multiple provinces, the commodity must be subdivided into multiple commodity lines, each with a distinct province. <p>See Appendix A for the identification details that must be provided.</p> |
| Country of Source | CFIA Country of Origin | C | <p>The country in which the goods within this GAGI (invoice sub-section) have been grown, harvested, manufactured, processed, produced or slaughtered must be provided, if different than the Country of Origin already provided in SG104. (See the SG104.LOC definitions in Section A2)</p> <p>If the country of source is Canada, please contact CFIA directly.</p> |
| State of Source | CFIA State of Origin | C | <p>The state in which the goods within this GAGI (invoice sub-section) have been grown, harvested, manufactured, processed, produced or slaughtered.</p> <p>This must be provided if the Country of Source qualifier is used within this GAGI and the country of source is the United States.</p> <p>If the country of source is Canada please contact CFIA directly.</p> |
| CFIA AIRS Code | AIRS Extension Code | C | <p>The AIRS Extension code must be provided in this field exactly as defined in AIRS or it will not pass CFIA validation (an..6). If required, only provide one occurrence per commodity.</p> |
| CFIA End Use | AIRS End Use | C | <p>If required by AIRS, the AIRS End Use code must be provided exactly as defined in AIRS or it will not pass CFIA validation (an..3).</p> <p>If required, only provide one occurrence per commodity.</p> |
| CFIA AIRS Miscellaneous | AIRS Miscellaneous | C | <p>If required by AIRS, the AIRS Miscellaneous must be provided in this field exactly as defined in AIRS or it will not pass CFIA validation (an..3).</p> <p>If required, only provide one occurrence per commodity.</p> |
| CFIA Registration Type | AIRS Registration Type | C | <p>If required by AIRS, the AIRS Registration Type must be provided in this field exactly as defined in AIRS or it will not pass CFIA validation (an..3).</p> |
| CFIA Registration Number | AIRS Registration Number | C | <p>For every Registration Type provided, the associated "Registration Number" must be provided. For example, if "Colour of Trailer" was provided, this field must contain the colour of the trailer i.e. Blue. (an..35).</p> |

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| Commodity Unit Count | Commodity Unit Count | M | The number of individual goods contained in this commodity line must be provided in this field. |
| Country of Source | CFIA Country of Origin | C | The country in which the goods on this commodity line have been grown, harvested, manufactured, processed, produced or slaughtered must be provided, if different than the Country of Origin and CFIA Country of Origin that may have been provided at the GAGI level and any Country of Origin provided on this commodity line. If the country of source is Canada please contact CFIA directly. |
| State of Source | CFIA State of Origin | C | The state in which the goods on this commodity line (invoice sub-section) have been grown, harvested, manufactured, processed, produced or slaughtered. This must be provided if the Country of Source qualifier is used on this commodity line and the country of source is the United States. If the country of source is Canada please contact CFIA directly. |
| Commodity Delivery Destination Details | Commodity Delivery Destination | C | Delivery Destination(s) must be provided if different from the Importer Party Address. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery Party Address must be Canadian • Delivery Party Address must be a civic address (see details below) • Delivery Destination(s) provided at the commodity level must be applicable to the commodity line • If submitting multiple destinations within a single commodity line, each destination must be within the same province. For multiple destinations across multiple provinces, the commodity must be subdivided into multiple commodity lines, each with a distinct province. See Appendix A for the identification details that must be provided: |
| Commodity Delivery Destination Contact Type | Commodity Delivery Destination Contact Type | C | The Delivery Destination Information Contact (IC) (knowledge of the specific shipment) must be provided for each Delivery Destination. |
| Commodity Delivery Destination Contact (Phone) | Commodity Delivery Destination Phone Number | C | A Delivery Destination phone number of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided for each Delivery Destination. |
| Commodity Delivery Destination Contact (Fax) | Commodity Delivery Destination Fax Number | C | Either a Delivery Destination fax number or email of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided for each Delivery Destination. |
| Commodity Delivery Destination Contact (Email) | Commodity Delivery Destination Email | C | Either a Delivery Destination fax number or email of the person knowledgeable regarding the specific shipment (transaction) details must be provided for each Delivery Destination. |

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| Document Reference Number | Document Reference Number | C | For every CFIA-controlled license, permit or certificate provided at the commodity line level, the associated reference number identifying the specific issuance of that document must be provided. For example, if “Certificate of Analysis” was provided, this field must contain the Certificate of Analysis Number. |
| Document Location | Document Location | C | If a physical document required is identified by AIRS for this LPCO, this field must contain a fully-qualified Unique Reference Number (URN) from which an image of a license, permit, certificate or other document can be accessed by qualified CBSA and CFIA employees. |

Additional resources

Reference Code Tables

Legislation:

[Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Act](#)

[Canada Agricultural Products Act](#)

[Feeds Act](#)

[Fertilizers Act](#)

[Fish Inspection Act](#)

[Health of Animals Act](#)

[Meat Inspection Act](#)

[Plant Protection Act](#)

[Safe Food for Canadians Act](#)

[Seeds Act](#)

Custom Memoranda:

Memorandum D19-1-1 Food, Plants, Animals and Related Products

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d19/d19-1-1-eng.html>

Appendix A: Identification details

| Field | Location | Format | Description |
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| Name | C080.3036.4 | an..70 | Business/personal name up to 3 lines |
| Street | C059.3042.5 | an..35 | Up to 3 lines |
| City | 3164.6 | an..35 | |
| Province | C819.3229.9 | an..6 | Use 2 character codes |
| Postal Code | 3251.8 | an..9 | |
| Country | 3207.9 | an2 | ISO 3166 2 character code |

Contact Livingston

Have questions or need help with your SWI imports?

Contact your Livingston client services representative.

Write to us at: clientserviceCanada@livingstonintl.com or give us a call at **1-855-225-5544**.