

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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THE FOOD SAFETY AND GROWTH INITIATIVE INTAKE 2 GUIDELINES

For interpretation of Guidelines, please see section 9 [Interpretation Of Guidelines](#).

1. Purpose Of The Initiative

The purpose of the Initiative is to stimulate sector growth by enabling eligible small agri-food businesses to strengthen their food safety and traceability systems, mitigate risks and enhance resilience, respond to market demands, promote public trust, and improve their operational efficiency and competitiveness. This funding is available to Primary Producers, Processors, and Service Providers (see section 4.3) involved in producing, processing or handling food products highlighted in Appendix C.

2. Term Of The Initiative

2.1. Commencement Of The Initiative

The Initiative will begin accepting Applications on October 19, 2026 and end on March 1, 2027, or until funding runs out, whichever comes first.

3. Funding For The Initiative

3.1. Maximum Funding Available To A Recipient Under The Initiative

A Recipient is eligible to receive fifty percent (50%) of Eligible Costs up to a maximum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000).

3.2. Source And Amount Of Funding For The Initiative

Funding for the Initiative comes from the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP). Up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) has currently been allocated for the Initiative.

4. Operation Of The Initiative

4.1. Eligible And Ineligible Activities

4.1.1. Eligible Activities

The following activities are eligible under the Initiative:

- a) Incremental activities specifically required to enhance food safety and control risks to stimulate related business growth at facilities that handle food products listed in Appendix C:
 - i. Assessment by a qualified third-party to identify specific, actionable food safety or traceability improvements (e.g., a certification pre-audit; a gap analysis against a recognized standard with an action plan);
 - ii. Equipment and technology upgrades to monitor, prevent, reduce and/or eliminate food safety hazards or improve food safety and/or traceability (including remote sensing, digitization, surveillance, data collection, lab testing and analysis);
 - iii. Development or improvement of food safety or traceability programs (e.g., documented procedures, records and results) to achieve higher standards or performance (e.g., prevention control plans);
 - iv. Implementation of an internationally or nationally recognized food safety program including first-time certification audits.
- b) The following supporting activities cannot be a standalone project but are eligible if they support activities in section 4.1.1.(a):
 - i. Training directly related to the implementation of equipment, technology upgrades, system improvements or written programs;

- ii. Minor structural modifications (see section 4.2.1.(j) for examples) required to implement equipment, technology upgrades, system improvements, or written programs.

4.1.2. Ineligible Activities

The following activities are ineligible under the Initiative:

- a) Activities related to aquaponic food production, or to aquaculture, seaweed, fish and seafood production and processing; and
- b) Any activity that is not set out under section 4.1.1 of the Guidelines.

4.2. Eligible Costs And Ineligible Costs Under The Initiative

4.2.1. Eligible Costs Under The Initiative

The following costs are eligible for the purposes of the Initiative, provided they were validly and reasonably incurred and directly necessary to carry out the Recipient's Project at the Project location:

- a) Costs, including deposits, that were incurred and paid on or after October 5, 2026, but on or before the Project Completion Date;
- b) Costs that reflect the actual costs to the Recipient, less any costs, including taxes, for which the Recipient has received, will receive or is eligible to receive, a rebate, credit or refund, whether the Recipient applied for that rebate, credit or refund;
- c) Incremental salary and wages of the Recipient's employees, excluding severance pay, who are working directly on the Project. Where those employees are not dedicated solely to working on the Project, the salaries and benefits must be pro-rated to reflect that portion of the salaries and benefits that apply to solely working on the Project;
- d) For Primary Producers only, in-kind costs of unpaid labour (at a rate of \$25 per hour) and use of own farm equipment (at a rate of \$75 per hour) up to a combined total in-kind costs of \$7,000;

- e) Costs related to supporting or managing information sharing networks (e.g., cloud-based subscription costs, one-time dedicated Project staff), that directly support a new food safety program or traceability process, limited to a maximum of six months;
- f) Initial barcode or automated product identification systems costs limited to a maximum of six months: if applicable limited to one-time company Prefix License expense, initial activation and one-time fee with national product registry (does not include initial individual product registrations);
- g) Costs related to the purchase and installation of equipment and technology upgrades to support the reduction or elimination of food safety hazards, including:
 - Airflow upgrades in coolers/freezers,
 - Condenser units,
 - Foreign material detection systems (e.g., x-ray machine, metal detector),
 - Physical water treatment methods (e.g., UV, ozonation, chlorination, filtering systems),
 - Ventilation equipment to control condensation and positive air pressure (e.g., dehumidifiers for drying rooms),
 - Pasteurizers (e.g., high temperature pasteurizers (HTST) heat exchangers),
 - Sanitation equipment (e.g., clean-in-place (CIP) and clean-out-of-place (COP) systems),
 - Pest monitoring and control devices,
 - Allergen control equipment, and
 - Stainless steel processing tables;
- h) Costs related to the purchase and installation of equipment and technology upgrades to improve product traceability, including:
 - Handheld scanners,

- Automated labeling systems,
 - Radio frequency identification (RFID) pallet tracking systems, and
 - Software system for the collection of traceability information only, with hosting fees, limited to a maximum of six months;
- i) Costs related to the purchase and installation of equipment and technology upgrades to support monitoring, surveillance, data collection, lab testing and analysis specific to food safety, including:
- Reference thermometers,
 - Temperature monitoring and data logging systems,
 - Environmental monitoring sensors,
 - pH meters,
 - Water activity meter,
 - Conductivity meters,
 - Adenosine triphosphate (ATP) test units, and
 - Microbiological testing equipment (e.g., autoclaves, incubators, test kit analyzer);
- j) Costs related to minor structural modifications specifically required to implement equipment, technology upgrades, system improvements, or written programs, including:
- Repairing or resurfacing floors,
 - Installing washable wall panels,
 - Installing shelving for food safety supplies and monitoring equipment,
 - Adding boot wash or sanitizing stations,
 - Installing hygienic barriers or partitions, and
 - Plumbing and/or electrical modifications to accommodate installation of new equipment;
- k) Qualified third-party costs (e.g., consultant, auditor or industry expert) related to:

- Assessment or gap analysis to identify actionable opportunities for food safety or traceability improvements;
 - Writing, development, implementation or audit of a new food safety program or traceability process, such as Preventive Control Plans and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP), as well as specific programs such as Global Food Safety Initiatives (GFSI) recognized certification schemes;
 - First-time certification audit from an internationally or nationally recognized program or scheme from an accredited body; and
 - Food process and product validation activities
- l) Material costs, equipment costs, pre-owned equipment from licensed seller costs, equipment rental costs or service fees associated with the activities in 4.1.1;
- m) Costs associated with one-time training by the equipment vendor or supplier, related to the purchased equipment; and
- n) Qualified third-party costs for courses, training and materials related to the adoption of food safety or traceability practices or programs. Food safety and/or traceability courses may be offered by:
- i. Colleges or universities,
 - ii. National or international food safety program owners,
 - iii. Accredited/approved auditing bodies for national or international food safety programs,
 - iv. Not-for-profit industry organizations,
 - v. Licensed pest control companies, and
 - vi. Sanitation companies.

4.2.2. Ineligible Costs Under The Initiative

The following costs are ineligible for the purposes of the Initiative:

- a) Costs to apply to the Initiative;

- b) Costs, including deposits, that were incurred before October 5, 2026, and after the Project Completion Date;
- c) Costs to obtain goods, services or both, where those goods, services or both were not obtained from an entity operating at Arm's Length from the Recipient;
- d) Costs related to the Recipient's ordinary business operations (e.g., day-to-day business operating expenses related directly to producing the goods or services sold by a business, to selling goods and services, costs of running a business, maintenance costs);
- e) Deposits (prepayments) for which goods or services are not yet fully received;
- f) Costs associated with starting up a new business or facility (e.g., equipping a new facility);
- g) Transportation, meal and hotel costs;
- h) Costs related to submitting reports to the Ministry;
- i) Costs that have already been previously claimed under this and other Initiatives;
- j) Cost for equipment not related to food safety or traceability;
- k) Costs for major structural modifications, including:
 - Removing or altering load-bearing walls,
 - Adding or modifying building foundations,
 - Constructing building additions or expansions, and
 - Electrical panel upgrades;
- l) Costs for staff to attend and participate in training, including salary and travel expenses;
- m) Cost for food safety audits for existing systems;
- n) In-kind costs for Processors and Service Providers;
- o) In-kind costs for use of own land, facilities, materials or supplies;
- p) Cost for ongoing consumable items (e.g., gloves, aprons, chemicals);

- q) Cost for common items that can be used for multiple purposes (e.g., smart phones, computers, shovels, vehicles);
- r) Leasing of equipment, costs of vehicles, transportation equipment, mobile material handling equipment (powered or unpowered) and agricultural machinery (such as farm equipment);
- s) Costs to remove old equipment;
- t) Costs to perform gap assessments, certifications or planning activities not related to traceability or food safety (e.g., gluten-free, halal, organic);
- u) Costs to perform ongoing mock recalls; and
- v) Any other costs that are not set out under section 4.2.1 of the Guidelines.

4.3. Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in the Initiative, an Applicant will meet the following requirements:

- a) Be a Person that is:
 - i. A Primary Producer that is undertaking production of agricultural products (crop or livestock) in Ontario including engaged in production in a controlled environment agriculture (such as indoor agriculture, greenhouse, vertical farm), propagator (agricultural activities), owner of fruit tree nursery, or packing houses (washing, packing); and excludes persons engaged solely in role as an agricultural landowner and/or renter, or an employer that provides housing to international agricultural workers;
 - ii. A Processor that is undertaking processing of food products in the agri-food supply chain in Ontario and includes a slaughterhouse/abattoir, agri-food-processor (such as food, beverage), owner of packing house (chopping, irreversible actions to product); and excludes commissaries (such as ready-to-eat counters), brewpubs, brand owners, bakeries, Retailers, pet food manufacturers, fertilizer manufacturers, bio-processing company

- (such as food, industrial), and food/agricultural commodity/bioprocessor waste company;
- iii. A Service Provider that is providing cold storage service, distributor service (i.e., of food product), direct food contact packaging manufacturer, or laboratory services to an eligible Primary Producer and/or Processor;
- b) Have fewer than 100 employees at the Project location;
 - c) Produce, process, or provide services for food products listed in Appendix C at their Project location;
 - d) Provide its:
 - CRA BN, or
 - SIN, but only if the Applicant has been found eligible to participate in the Initiative and is also eligible to receive an Initiative Payment;
 - e) Submit a completed Ministry-approved Application Form and additional documentation to the Ministry in accordance with what is set out under section 4.4 of the Guidelines;
 - f) Is undertaking an activity set out in section 4.1.1 of the Guidelines;
 - g) Have a valid and up-to-date Premises ID Number for the business location(s) where the Project is to take place [to register for or update a Premises ID Number, visit the [Provincial Premises Registry](#)];
 - h) If applying as a Primary Producer, have a:
 - i. Valid Farm Business Registration Number (FBRN), or
 - ii. An Order from the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal exempting the Person from having to have a FBRN, or
 - iii. A letter from the First Nations Agriculture & Finance Ontario (formerly known as Indian Agriculture Program of Ontario), or
 - iv. An exemption from the income eligibility requirement of the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program, received from AgriCorp;
 - i) Be in compliance with the following for its business operations at the time of applying to the Initiative (e.g., does not have any Orders issued to it

pursuant to, or unresolved charges laid against it, under an Ontario or Canadian law):

- i. Environmental-related Requirements Of Law,
 - ii. Labour-related Requirements Of Law,
 - iii. Tax-related Requirements Of Law, and
 - iv. Material compliance with all other Requirements Of Law;
- j) Is not, nor is any officer, director or employee of the Applicant (if any), a current or former federal public office holder or federal public servant, or if the Applicant is, or any officer, director or employee of the Applicant (if any) is, the Applicant, or that officer, director or employee of the Applicant (if any) is in compliance with the *Conflict of Interest Act* (Canada), the *Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons* (Canada), the Values and Ethics Code for the Public Sector (Canada) and the Policy on Conflict of Interest and Post-employment (Canada), as applicable;
- k) Is not, nor is any officer, director or employee of the Applicant (if any), a member of the House of Commons on the Senate, or, if the Applicant is, or any officer, director or employee of the Applicant (if any) is, the Applicant, or the officer, director or employee of the Applicant (if any), is permitted under the *Parliament of Canada Act* (Canada) to receive funding from Canada under the Sustainable CAP;
- l) Agrees that any intellectual property rights arising from their Project, should the Applicant be found to be eligible to participate in the Initiative as well as receive an Initiative Payment, belongs to the Applicant;
- m) Agrees that Canada and Ontario may, should the Applicant be found to be eligible to participate in the Initiative as well as receive an Initiative Payment, publish information about the Applicant, including:
 - i. Project-related information,
 - ii. The name of the Applicant,
 - iii. The amount of funding Canada and Ontario provided, and
 - iv. The outcome of the Project; and

- n) Agrees to be bound by the terms, conditions and requirements of the Initiative, as set out in the Minister's Order, the Guidelines and the Approval Letter.

4.4. Applying To The Initiative

Applicants **must** apply to the Initiative using a Ministry-approved Application Form. The Application Form should be filled out using Adobe Acrobat Reader. Applicants that use another format other than Adobe Acrobat Reader to fill out their Application Form may be required to re-submit their Application Form filled out using Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Applicants **must** ensure that their Application Form is fully completed.

In addition to a complete Application Form, Applicants **must** provide:

- a. A written quote for each requested cost item from any third-party providing a good, service or both detailing the proposed Eligible Costs for the Project. The quotes should include:
 - i) The legal name of the third-party organization, consultant, or manufacturer,
 - ii) The date the quote was provided,
 - iii) A clear description of the good and/or service being provided, and
 - iv) Expected costs, including any ancillary charges and applicable taxes.
- b. Course outline detailing training to be provided and outcomes, including a cost summary or quote from a training provider, if applicable.

Completed Application Form and written quotes must be submitted by email to SustainableCAP1@ontario.ca between October 19, 2026 and 11:59 p.m. EST on March 1, 2027, subject to the availability of funding allocated to the Initiative. Supporting documentation provided but not required under the Initiative will not be reviewed.

Applicants can have a maximum of **one application** under the Food Safety and Growth Initiative Intake 2.

Note: Applicants that start their proposed project before being approved, as evidenced by receiving an Approval Letter, bear the risk that their proposed project may not be approved under the Initiative and therefore would not be eligible to receive funding.

A Project must have a Project completion date no later than October 15, 2027. Project completion includes activities completed, costs invoiced and paid for, equipment (where applicable) must be on site and in operation for the purposes in which it was purchased, and any other deliverables for the Project (e.g., reports from third party vendors, etc.) must have been submitted to the Recipient.

Applicants must not submit an Application Form for a Project where the Applicant has already received Initiative Payment(s) for that Project through Sustainable CAP. Where Applicants have received funding for the Project through other sources, the total assistance provided from all funding sources cannot be greater than one hundred percent (100%) of the total Eligible Costs. All funding for a Project, including from additional sources, **must** be listed on the Application Form.

Applicants must select and enter in the Application Form the North American Industry Classification System codes (NAICS Codes), as set out in Appendix “B” to the Guidelines that best describes:

- The Applicant’s business/organization;
- The primary sector/commodity impacted by the Project.

The Applicant may be ineligible for funding under this Initiative if the Applicant is unable to find the appropriate NAICS Code for the business/organization. If the Applicant is unable to find the appropriate NAICS Code for the primary sector/commodity impacted by the Project, the Project may be ineligible for funding under this Initiative.

4.5. Review Of Application, Evaluation Criteria And Notification

The Ministry will review the Application Form to determine whether the Applicant is eligible to participate in the Initiative. The Ministry will only review a completed Application Form.

Applications will be evaluated against eligible activities and Eligible Costs.

The Ministry will review completed Application Forms in the order they are received.

If the Applicant requests changes to the Project activities and/or costs submitted in the original Application Form, the Applicant must submit a new Application Form. The revised submission will be treated as a new application and assigned a new submission date, which will affect its position in the application queue.

The Ministry will provide an Approval Letter via Email to successful Applicants. The Approval Letter will include the following:

- (a) A file number, which the Ministry uses to refer to the specific Project;
- (b) The approval date;
- (c) The Project description;
- (d) The maximum amount of Initiative Payments and cost shared percentage approved;
- (e) The approved Eligible Costs;

- (f) The date the Recipient is required to complete its Project (i.e., the Project Completion Date);
- (g) The Claim submission deadline; and
- (h) The final report submission information including deadline.

The Ministry will provide an email to unsuccessful Applicants setting out a brief explanation of why they were not approved to participate in the Initiative.

4.6. Submitting Claims

A Recipient **must** submit its Claims to the Ministry for Eligible Costs for completion of its Project via the Ministry's Claim Portal. A link to the Ministry's Claim Portal will be provided to a Recipient after the Ministry receives a reply email to the Ministry's Approval Letter in the form and manner required in that Approval Letter.

Claim(s) **must** be complete and supported by true copies of all **paid** invoices and corresponding proofs of payment.

Invoices should set out:

- (a) Who ordered the goods, services or both;
- (b) Who provided the goods, services or both;
- (c) A description of the goods, services or both;
- (d) The date of the invoice; and
- (e) The amount owed for the goods, services, or both, including any applicable taxes.

A proof of payment must set out in detail:

- (a) Who paid for the good, service or both and their relationship to the Recipient;
- (b) Who received the payment;
- (c) The goods, services or both that were provided;
- (d) The date of the payment; and
- (e) The amount of the payment.

Acceptable forms of a proof of payment include:

- (a) An electronic image of a processed cheque;
- (b) A statement from a banking institution will set out to whom the processed cheque was written, or electronic payment made, and the amount; or
- (c) A credit card or debit card receipt or statement clearly identifying the amount and to whom the payment was made.

Note: If using a credit card or debit card receipt, cheque or statement as a proof of payment, the number of the credit or debit card as well as all other information, including the costs that are unrelated to the Recipient's Project, should be blacked out.

All Claims and the final report must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm EST on the date(s) set out in the Approval Letter. Any Claims submitted after the required date(s) will be ineligible.

4.7. Review Of Claims And Notification

The Ministry will review all Claims to determine whether the costs being claimed are valid and eligible.

The Ministry may request additional information from the Recipient to verify the validity of a Claim. Where the Ministry requests additional information, the Recipient will provide that additional information as soon as practicable and no later than any date set out in the request. Failure to meet the requested deadline will result in those costs for which additional information was requested being deemed to be Ineligible Costs.

If the costs being claimed are Eligible Costs, an Initiative Payment will be issued for those claimed costs.

If, however, the costs being claimed are Ineligible Costs, those costs will not be reimbursed. The Ministry will notify the Recipient regarding any Ineligible Costs and provide a reason why those costs are Ineligible Costs under the Initiative.

4.8. Initiative Payments

To be eligible to receive an Initiative Payment, a Recipient **must**:

- Be registered with [Transfer Payment Ontario](#). To register with, or update information previously submitted to Transfer Payment Ontario, visit [Transfer Payment Ontario](#); and
- Be registered with Supply Ontario. If approved, the Recipient will receive an email to complete this registration.

4.9. Loss Of Eligibility

4.9.1. Willful Submission Of False Or Misleading Information

Any Applicant or Recipient that willfully submits false or misleading information under the Initiative will:

- (a) Not be eligible to participate in the Initiative or will have their eligibility to participate in the Initiative revoked; and
- (b) Repay any Initiative Payments received under the Initiative.

4.9.2. Negligent Submission Of False Or Misleading Information

Any Applicant or Recipient that acted in a negligent manner in allowing false or misleading information to be submitted under the Initiative:

- (a) May not be eligible to participate in the Initiative or may have their eligibility to participate in the Initiative revoked; and
- (b) Will repay any Initiative Payment received because of that false or misleading information.

4.9.3. Abusive Toward Ministry Staff

Any Applicant or Recipient that is abusive toward any Ministry staff responsible for administering the Initiative will receive one written warning regarding their conduct from the Initiative Director. If the Applicant or Recipient continues with their abusive behaviour, the Applicant or Recipient will lose their eligibility to participate in the Initiative or will have their eligibility to participate in the Initiative revoked.

4.9.4. Debt Owing To Ontario Or Canada

Any Applicant or Recipient may be found to be ineligible to participate in the Initiative or have their eligibility to participate in the Initiative revoked if the Applicant or Recipient:

- (a) Owes a debt to Ontario or Canada and does not have a repayment plan with Ontario or Canada, including any agents thereof; or
- (b) Is not in compliance with any repayment plan with Ontario or Canada, including any agents thereof.

4.9.5. Failure To Comply With Additional Terms And Conditions Of The Initiative

Any Recipient that fails to comply with the additional terms and conditions set out under section 5 of the Guidelines may have their eligibility to participate in the Initiative revoked and may be required to repay any Initiative Payments received under the Initiative.

4.10. Termination Of The Initiative

The Initiative may be terminated at any time without prior notice. Where the Initiative is terminated, the following will apply:

- (a) A notice will be placed on the website that hosts the Guidelines setting out the date on which the Initiative is terminated; and
- (b) Any Claims submitted:
 - (i) Prior to the day on which the Initiative is terminated will, if eligible, be paid, and
 - (ii) After the day on which the Initiative is terminated will not be paid.

5. Additional Terms And Conditions For The Initiative

5.1. No Conflict Of Interest

A Recipient will carry out the Project and use any Initiative Payments without a potential, perceived or actual Conflict Of Interest. If a Recipient has a potential, perceived or actual Conflict Of Interest, they will report that potential, perceived or actual Conflict Of Interest to the Ministry as soon as practicable. The Recipient will also comply with any directions issued by the Ministry relating to that potential, perceived or actual Conflict Of Interest.

5.2. Compliance With Approval Letter

A Recipient will comply with all requirements set out in the Approval Letter.

5.3. Compliance With Requirements Of Law

A Recipient must be in compliance with the following for its business operations while participating in the Initiative:

- (a) Environmental-related Requirements Of Law;
- (b) Labour-related Requirements Of Law;
- (c) Tax-related Requirements Of Law, and
- (d) Material compliance with all other Requirements Of Law.

A Recipient will provide notice to the Ministry as soon as practicable where the Recipient may be in breach of one of more Requirements of Law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, examples of being in breach of one or more Requirements of Law include having an Order issued against them pursuant to, or being charged with an offence under, an Ontario or Canadian law.

5.4. Obtaining Goods, Services Or Both

If a Recipient obtains goods, services or both to carry out their Project, that Recipient will:

- (a) Only obtain goods, services or both through a process that:
 - (i) Is transparent,
 - (ii) Is fair,
 - (iii) Promotes the best value for the money expended,
 - (iv) Is at competitive prices no greater than fair market value after deducting trade discounts or any other discounts available to the Recipient, and
 - (v) Is from Persons that are operating at Arm's Length from the Recipient; and
- (b) Own all goods obtained from the Initiative Payment, including any intellectual property rights arising therefrom.

The Recipient will include provisions in any agreements it enters with a third party to provide goods, services or both to the Recipient for the Recipient's Project that:

- (a) Requires the third party to meet the same requirements regarding compliance with all Requirements Of Law that the Recipient must meet pursuant to section 5.3 of the Guidelines as it relates to the operation of the third party's business; and
- (b) Provides Ontario and Canada, including their respective delegates, with the same audit rights that Ontario and Canada have in relation to the Recipient pursuant to section 5.10 of the Guidelines for the third party relating to any payment from the Initiative Payment the Recipient makes to that third party for any goods, services or both the third-party provides to the Recipient for the Recipient's Project.

5.5. Retention Of Assets

A Recipient will retain any assets for which Initiative Payments will be made with a combined value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more for **at least** two (2) years after the date of the Approval Letter, unless otherwise directed by the Ministry. The Recipient will not, without the Ministry's prior written consent, lease or otherwise encumber the assets in which Initiative Payments were made for **at least** two (2) years after the date of the Approval Letter.

5.6. Insurance

A Recipient will have and maintain at its own expense until the date the Recipient's Project is required to be completed all necessary and appropriate insurance that a prudent person carrying out the Project would maintain with insurers having a secure A.M. Best rating of B+ or better, including commercial general liability insurance on an occurrence basis for third party bodily injury, personal injury and property damage to an inclusive amount of **not less than \$2,000,000** (two million dollars) per occurrence. The insurance policy or policies will include the following:

- (a) The Indemnified Parties as additional insureds with respect to any liability arising in the course of the Recipient carrying out the Project;
- (b) Cross liability;
- (c) A contractual liability coverage endorsement;
- (d) A non-owned automobile coverage with blanket contractual endorsement;
- (e) An employer's liability coverage endorsement, if the Recipient is not subject to the *Workplace Safety Insurance Act, 1997*; and
- (f) Thirty (30) calendar days' notice to the Indemnified Parties of cancellation, termination or material change.

The insurance required under this section 5.6 of the Guidelines will be in place as of the date set out in the Approval Letter.

The Recipient will, upon the Ministry or Canada's request, provide to the Ministry or Canada, as the case may be, certificates of insurance that confirm the insurance coverage the Recipient is required to have under this section 5.6 of the Guidelines is in place or other proof that confirms the insurance coverage the Recipient is required to have under this section 5.6 of the Guidelines is in place.

5.7. Indemnification

A Recipient will, at all times defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from and against any and all direct or indirect liability, loss, costs, damages and expenses (including legal, expert and consulting fees) in relation to any causes of actions, actions, claims, demands or other proceedings by whomever made, sustained, incurred, brought or prosecuted, arising out of, or in connection with anything done or omitted to be done by the Recipient or anyone employed by the Recipient, including subcontractors, in the course of the performance by the Recipient or anyone employed by the Recipient, including subcontractors, in carrying out the Project or otherwise in relation to the Project unless solely caused by the negligence or willful misconduct by the Indemnified Parties.

5.8. Provision Of Information

An Applicant or Recipient will provide, as the case may be, any information that is requested by Ontario or Canada as soon as practicable after the request has been made and no later than the date set out in the request.

5.9. Record-Keeping Requirements

A Recipient will keep all financial information related to any Initiative Payment for a period of seven (7) years after the Initiative Payment was deposited into the Recipient's bank account.

5.10. Audit

Ontario or Canada, including any of their delegates, may, upon providing at least 24 hours' notice beforehand, conduct an audit of an Applicant or Recipient in relation to the Initiative. The Applicant or Recipient will provide reasonable assistance to Ontario or Canada, as the case may be, including:

- (a) Access to any Person, place or thing required for auditing purposes as soon as is practicable after the request is made and no later than the date set out in the request;
- (b) Allowing for the inspection of any records that relate to the Initiative Payment;

- (c) Allowing for the copying of any records that relate to the Initiative Payment; and
- (d) The taking of pictures and other recordings.

5.11. Communications

5.11.1.1. Communications By The Recipient

A Recipient will not communicate about their Project or the Initiative unless the following has been met:

- (a) It has obtained the Ministry's prior written consent to communicate about the Project or the Initiative;
- (b) It follows the Communications Protocol set out in Appendix "A" for the Initiative; and
- (c) Any communications about the Project or the Initiative includes a statement that the views set out in those communications are the Recipient's and do not necessarily reflect the views of Ontario or Canada;

5.11.1.2. Publication Of Information By Ontario And Canada

Ontario and Canada may publish information about the Recipient and its Project, including:

- (a) The name of the Recipient;
- (b) The amount of funding the Recipient is eligible to receive under the Initiative;
- (c) The amount of Initiative Payments the Recipient received; and
- (d) A description of the Project.

5.12. Notice Regarding Change Of Ownership Or Control

A Recipient will provide notice to Ontario within five (5) Business Days of any discussions the Recipient may have where the Recipient may merge with or be acquired by another Person while participating in the Initiative.

5.13. General

5.13.1. Applying To The Initiative Does Not Create Right To Participate In The Initiative

Applying to the Initiative does not create a legal, equitable or other right to participate in the Initiative.

5.13.2. Participating In The Initiative Does Not Create Right To Receive An Initiative Payment

Participating in the Initiative does not create a legal, equitable or other right to receive an Initiative Payment.

5.13.3. Initiative Payments May Be Pro-Rated

Any Initiative Payments owing may be pro-rated if there is an insufficient amount of money to pay all Claims submitted under the Initiative.

5.13.4. Initiative Payment Is Income For Tax Purposes

An Initiative Payment is income for the purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

5.13.5. No Assignment Of Project Or Initiative Payments

A Recipient will not assign their Project or any Initiative Payments the Recipient may be eligible to receive to another Person.

5.13.6. Ontario And Canada Not Responsible For Project Or Helping Recipient Obtain Permits

Neither Ontario nor Canada is or will be responsible for carrying out the Project or assisting the Recipient with obtaining any permits or other such authorizations to enable the Recipient to carry out the Project.

5.13.7. Initiative Payments Are Part Of A Social Or Economic Program

Initiative Payments being provided under the Initiative are for the administration of social or economic programs or the provision of direct or indirect support to members of the public in connection with social or economic policy.

5.13.8. Ontario And Applicable Federal Laws Govern

The rights and obligations under the Initiative will be governed by Ontario law and applicable federal laws of Canada.

5.13.9. Ontario Courts To Have Exclusive Jurisdiction

Ontario's courts will have exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute arising under the Initiative.

6. Collection, Use And Disclosure Of Personal Information Under The Initiative

6.1. Collection Of Personal Information

The collection of certain limited Personal Information is necessary for the proper administration of the Initiative and authorized by section 164(1) of the Minister's Order 0005/2023 and section 237(2) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). The authority for the Sustainable CAP Minister's Order is set out under section 6.2(1) of the *Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Act*.

6.2. Use And Disclosure Of Social Insurance Number (SIN)

If a Recipient is eligible to receive an Initiative Payment and is a sole proprietor, partner in a partnership or a member of an unincorporated entity without a CRA BN, as a condition for receiving an Initiative Payment they will consent to the use and disclosure of this Personal Information collected under the Initiative for the purposes of enforcing the terms and conditions of the Initiative, including:

- (a) Confirming the Recipient paid any applicable taxes on the Initiative Payment;
- (b) Reporting applicable revenue to the CRA;
- (c) Conducting audits; and
- (d) Collecting any Overpayment or any other debt owing to Ontario or Canada arising prior to the Recipient's participation in the Initiative.

6.3. Collection Of Additional Personal Information Voluntary

An Applicant will be asked to provide certain demographic information, such as whether Indigenous Persons, women and/or youth (namely, forty years old or younger) have an ownership interest in the Applicant. Providing this information is voluntary. Should the Applicant decline to provide this information, they will still be eligible to participate in the Initiative. The responses to the questions will have no impact on the assessment of an Applicant's Application Form. An Applicant may withdraw their consent at any time and the Ministry will not share the demographic information after the consent has been withdrawn.

6.4. Use And Disclosure Of Additional Personal Information

The Personal Information referred to in paragraph 6.3 will be shared with Canada in non-aggregate format along with non-personal information about your business or organization and will be used for the purpose of improving access to the Sustainable CAP and addressing barriers to accessing Initiatives under the Sustainable CAP for underrepresented and marginalised groups.

6.5. Freedom Of Information And Protection Of Privacy Act

Certain information provided under the Initiative may, with the exception of a Recipient's SIN, be subject to disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or the *Access to Information Act* (Canada). Information may also be disclosed by order of a court or tribunal, pursuant to a legal proceeding or as otherwise authorized or required by law.

7. Collection Of Debts

7.1. Collection Of Existing Debt

If a Recipient owes a debt to Ontario or Canada and is eligible to receive an Initiative Payment, that Initiative Payment may be set-off against the debt that the Recipient owes to Ontario or Canada.

7.2. Overpayments

Any Recipient that receives an Overpayment owes a debt to Ontario and Canada. The Recipient will repay that debt to Ontario in accordance with any directions the Ministry issues to the Recipient.

7.3. Interest

Ontario may charge interest on any Overpayment at the rate that Ontario charges for accounts receivable.

7.4. Termination Of Initiative Does Not Affect Requirement To Repay Overpayment

The termination of the Initiative does not affect a Recipient's obligation to repay any Overpayment made under the Initiative.

8. General

8.1. Authority For Initiative

The authority for the Initiative comes from the Sustainable CAP and the Minister's Order.

8.2. Conflict Resolution

If a conflict or omission between the Application Form and the Guidelines, the Guidelines will prevail. If a conflict or omission between the Approval Letter and the Guidelines, the Guidelines will prevail. If a conflict between the Guidelines and the Minister's Order, the Minister's Order will prevail.

8.3. Amending Guidelines

The Initiative Administrator may amend the Guidelines at any time without prior notice. Any amendments to the Guidelines will be posted on the same website as where the Guidelines was originally posted. Any amendments to the Guidelines will not have a retroactive effect.

8.4. Errors And Omissions Accepted

Applicants and Recipients accept any errors and/or omissions that may be in the Guidelines.

9. Interpretation Of Guidelines

9.1. Definitions

For the purposes of the Guidelines, the terms set out in this section 9.1 of the Guidelines will have the meanings herein, unless the context indicates otherwise.

“Applicant” means a Person who has applied to participate in the Initiative.

“Application Form” means the Ministry-approved document the Applicant submits to apply to the Initiative.

“Approval Letter” means a letter from the Ministry to the Applicant informing the Applicant that they are eligible to participate in the Initiative.

“Arm's Length” has the same meaning as set out under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) on the date the Initiative begins, as set out under section 2.1 of the Guidelines.

“Business Days” means any working day, Monday to Friday, inclusive, but excluding statutory and other holidays and any other day in which the Ministry has elected to be closed for business.

“Canada” means His Majesty the King in Right of Canada and includes any successor.

“Claim” means a request to receive an Initiative Payment.

“Communications Products” means any public communication by the Recipient, including advertisements and notices placed in the mass media, such as newspapers, television, billboards, communiques and backgrounders, promotional materials, exhibits and trade shows, information placed on the Recipient’s website and items sent by mass distribution electronically or posted to social medial platforms.

“Communications Protocol” means the protocol set out in Appendix “A” to the Guidelines.

“Conflict Of Interest” includes any circumstances where the Recipient, or any person who has the capacity to influence the Recipient’s decisions, has outside commitments, relationships or financial interests that could, or could be seen, to:

- (a) Provide the Recipient with an advantage or benefit over others when applying to or participating in the Initiative; or
- (b) Interfere with the Recipients objective, unbiased and impartial judgment relating to the Project, the use of the Funds or both.

“CRA BN” means the Canada Revenue Agency Business Number the Canada Revenue Agency issues to businesses for tax purposes.

“Eligible Costs” means the costs set out under section 4.2.1 of the Guidelines.

“FBRN” means a farming business registration number issued under the *Farm Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act, 1993*.

“Guidelines” means this document, as it may be amended from time to time.

“Indemnified Parties” means:

- (a) His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, His Ministers, agents, appointees, and employees; and
- (b) His Majesty the King in Right of Canada, His Ministers, agents, appointees, and employees.

“Indigenous Person” includes:

- (a) An individual who is:
 - (i) Recognized as being an Indian in accordance with the *Indian Act* (Canada), or
 - (ii) Recognized as being a Métis by a Métis Nation within Canada;
- (b) An individual who identified as being an Indian or Inuit and is recognized as being an Indian or Inuit by their community;
- (c) A corporation:

- (i) Where the majority of voting shares are owned by individuals that meet the requirements set out under paragraphs (a) or (b) of this definition,
- (ii) Where a majority of voting members on its board of directors are comprised of individuals that meet the requirements set out under paragraphs (a) or (b) of this definition, or
- (iii) Where a majority of shares are owned by a Band Council, as defined in the *Indian Act* (Canada) or a Métis Nation within Canada;
- (d) A partnership where more than fifty percent (50%) of the profit or loss of the partnership is allocated to individuals that meet the requirements set out in paragraphs (a) or (b) of this definition;
- (e) An unincorporated association where the majority of the decision-makers for that unincorporated association are comprised of individuals that meet the requirements set out under paragraphs (a) or (b) of this definition;
- (f) A Band Council within the meaning of the *Indian Act* (Canada); or
- (g) An organization whose primary objective is to represent entities set out in paragraphs (a) to (f) of this definition.

“Ineligible Costs” means the costs set out under section 4.2.2 of the Guidelines.

“Initiative” means Food Safety and Growth Initiative Intake 2.

“Initiative Payment” means the direct or indirect provision of money under the Initiative.

“Minister’s Order” means Minister’s Order 0005/2023

“Ministry” means the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness.

“Minimally Processed” means produce that is peeled, cut, sliced or shredded in order to prepare and package it for sale as ready-to-eat or ready-to-cook.

“NAICS Code” NAICS is an industry classification system developed by the statistical agencies of Canada, Mexico, and the United States. Created against the background of the North American Free Trade Agreement, it is designed to provide common definitions of the industrial structure of the three countries and a common statistical framework to facilitate the analysis of the three economies. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System).

“Ontario” means His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario and includes any successor.

“Overpayment” means an Initiative Payment to which the Recipient:

- (a) Was not eligible to receive at the time the Recipient received the Initiative Payment; or

- (b) Ceases to be eligible to receive at any time after the Recipient received the Initiative Payment.

“Person” means a legal entity.

“Personal Information” means as defined in section 2 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

“Premises ID Number” means a unique identifier assigned by Ontario pursuant to the Minister’s Order.

“Primary Producer” A Person that is involved in the primary production of an agricultural product and includes an owner of the land who rents their land to a Primary Producer. For additional eligibility details please see section 4.3 Eligibility Requirements.

“Processor” A Person that processes an agricultural product from one form to another form that is irreversible in nature within the overall agri-food supply chain, whether or not the agricultural product is used for human consumption. For additional eligibility details please see section 4.3 Eligibility Requirements.

“Project” means the undertaking the Recipient carries out under the Initiative.

“Recipient” means an Applicant that has been approved to participate in the Initiative and is eligible to receive or has received an Initiative Payment.

“Requirements Of Law” means statutes, regulations, by-laws, ordinances, codes, official plans, rules, approvals, permits, licenses, authorizations, orders, decrees, injunctions, directions, directives and agreements, as they may be amended from time to time.

“Retailer/Wholesaler” means a Person that:

- (a) Ultimately sells to the consumer, as it relates to a Retailer; or
- (b) A middle person who buys agricultural-based products from importers, manufacturers and other wholesalers and resells them to retailers, other wholesalers, industrial and commercial users or foreign markets, as it relates to a Wholesaler.

“Service Provider” means a Person that provides products, services or both to the agricultural sector.

“SIN” means Social Insurance Number.

“Sustainable CAP” means the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership Strategic Initiatives Program, as established by the Minister’s Order.

9.2. Interpretation Of Guidelines

For the purposes of interpreting the Guidelines:

- (a) Words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (b) The headings do not form part of the Guidelines – they are for reference purposes only and will not affect the interpretation of the Guidelines;
- (c) Any reference to dollars or currency will be to Canadian dollars and currency, unless indicated otherwise;
- (d) Any reference to a statute means a statute of the Province of Ontario, unless indicated otherwise;
- (e) Any reference to a statute is to that statute and to the regulations made pursuant to that statute as they may be amended and to any statute or regulations that may be passed or made that have the effect of supplanting or superseding that statute or regulation, unless indicated otherwise;
- (f) Any reference to a Minister's Order is a reference to that Minister's Order as it may be amended and to any Minister's Order that has the effect of supplanting or superseding that Minister's Order, unless indicated otherwise;
- (g) All accounting terms used herein will be interpreted in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles used in Canada; and
- (h) The words "include", "includes" and "including" denote that the subsequent list is not exhaustive.

APPENDIX "A" COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL

A.1 General. The Recipient will apply the following principles and objectives to communications for the Project:

- (a) Ensure coordination and consistency of the look, feel and tone of all Communication Products under the Sustainable CAP;
- (b) Communicate relevant Project information; and
- (c) Ensure appropriate credit is given to Canada and the Province of Ontario.

A.2 Communications Contacts. The Recipient will designate one or more communications contacts to be responsible for obtaining consent from the Ministry on matters relating to Communications Products. The communications contact(s) will work directly with the Ministry to obtain any required consent from Canada and the Ministry. The Recipient will flag any potential media issues to the Ministry.

A.3 News Releases And News Conferences. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Recipient, through their communications contacts(s), will:

- (a) Ensure that, prior to publishing any news releases created, it will obtain:

- (i) Approval by the Ministry; and
- (ii) Include quotes from Canada and the Ministry, unless either Canada or the Ministry declines to participate.

To that end, the Recipient will provide a minimum of ten (10) Business Days to Ontario to review draft news releases; and

- (b) Provide a minimum of ten (10) Business Days' notice to the Ministry, of planned news conferences organized by the Recipient in order to facilitate the attendance of Canada and the Ministry. The date for the news conference and other logistical considerations will be negotiated between the Recipient and the Ministry.

A.4 Graphic Standard Including Identification Of Canada And The Province Of Ontario. The Recipient will, for all Communications Products it develops for the Project:

- (a) Obtain from the Ministry and comply with the "*Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership Graphic Standards Guide*" ('Guide'), as amended from time to time; and
- (b) Use the updated version of the *Guide* from the date the Ministry provides the Recipient with same should the *Guide* be amended during the course of the Recipient's Project.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Recipient will ensure:

- (a) Canada and the Province of Ontario's wordmarks will be used when the full Sustainable CAP graphic look, the simplified Sustainable CAP look or the Sustainable CAP graphic identifier is used;
- (b) Canada and the Province of Ontario's wordmarks will be prominently placed and equally prominent in size; and
- (c) No other identifier or wordmark will be more prominent than Canada and the Province of Ontario's wordmarks. The size of Canada and the Province of Ontario's wordmarks will be measured by the height of the "a" in the words "Canada" and "Ontario".

A.5 Review. For the purposes of the review of Communications Products, the following will apply:

- (a) The Recipient will ensure that all Communications Products created by the Recipient are sent to the Ministry's communications contact for review; and
- (b) The Ministry's communications contact will make best efforts to have the materials reviewed by Canada, and returned to the Recipient, within five (5) Business Days. Additional time may be required in extenuating circumstances, as deemed necessary by the Ministry's communications contact.

- A.6 Retention.** The Recipient will keep a record of each Communications Product in accordance with the requirements in the Guidelines, and shall, upon request from either Canada or the Ministry, produce copies of any Communications Products.
- A.7 Language.** The Recipient may produce Communications Products in the English language only provided there is no other requirement in the Approval Letter for Communications Products to be provided in the French language. If the Recipient is required to provide Communications Products in both English and French, the Recipient must ensure the quality of the translated documents.
- A.8 Communications Materials Created By Canada And The Ministry.** The Ministry's communications officer will make best efforts to share with the Recipient any communications materials created by Canada and the Ministry that mention the Recipient.

APPENDIX "B"

NAICS CODES FOR APPLICATION FORM

- B.1 Best-Fit NAICS Codes.** The Applicant must choose the best-fit NAICS Codes from the list below to insert in its Application Form:

Code	Class title	Class definition
111110	Soybean farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing soybeans.
111120	Oilseed (except soybean) farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing fibrous plants that produce oilseeds.
111130	Dry pea and bean farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing dry peas, beans and lentils.
111140	Wheat farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing wheat.
111150	Corn farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing corn.
111160	Rice farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing rice, except wild rice.
111190	Other grain farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in growing grains.
111211	Potato farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing potatoes, yams and seed potatoes.

111219	Other vegetable (except potato) and melon farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in growing vegetables and melons.
111310	Orange groves	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing oranges.
111320	Citrus (except orange) groves	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing citrus fruit, except oranges.
111330	Non-citrus fruit and tree nut farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing tree nuts and non-citrus fruit.
111411	Mushroom production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing mushrooms under cover.
111419	Other food crops grown under cover	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in growing food crops under glass or protective cover.
111421	Nursery and tree production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing, under cover or in open fields, nursery products and trees, and short rotation woody crops, for pulp and tree stock, that have a typical growth cycle of less than ten years.
111422	Floriculture production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing, under cover or in open fields, floriculture products and propagating materials.
111940	Hay farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing hay, grasses and mixed hay.
111993	Fruit and vegetable combination farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in growing a combination of fruit and vegetables.
111994	Maple syrup and products production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in gathering maple sap and producing maple products.
111999	All other miscellaneous crop farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in growing crops.
112110	Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising and fattening cattle.
112120	Dairy cattle and milk production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in milking dairy cattle.

112210	Hog and pig farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising hogs and pigs.
112310	Chicken egg production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising chickens for the production of eggs, including hatching eggs.
112320	Broiler and other meat-type chicken production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising chickens for the production of meat.
112330	Turkey production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising turkeys.
112340	Poultry hatcheries	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in hatching poultry of any kind.
112391	Combination poultry and egg production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising any combination of poultry for meat and egg production, with no one predominating.
112399	All other poultry production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in raising poultry.
112410	Sheep farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising sheep and lambs, and feeding or fattening lambs.
112420	Goat farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising goats.
112510	Aquaculture	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in farm-raising aquatic animals and plants.
112910	Apiculture	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising bees, collecting and gathering honey, and performing other apiculture activities.
112920	Horse and other equine production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising horses, mules, donkeys and other equines.
112930	Fur-bearing animal and production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising fur-bearing animals, including rabbits.
112991	Animal combination farming	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in raising a combination of animals, with no one predominating.
112999	All other miscellaneous animal production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in raising animals.

115110	Support activities for crop production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing support activities for growing crops.
115210	Support activities for animal production	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing support activities related to raising livestock.
311119	Other animal food manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in manufacturing animal food.
311211	Flour milling	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in grinding grains, fruits or vegetables, except rice.
311214	Rice milling and malt manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in milling rice; cleaning and polishing rice; manufacturing rice flour or meal; or manufacturing malt from barley, rye or other grains.
311221	Wet corn milling	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in wet-milling corn and other vegetables.
311224	Oilseed processing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in crushing oilseeds and tree nuts and extracting oils.
311225	Fat and oil refining and blending	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing fats and oils by processing crude or partially refined oils, for example deodorizing them; or blending purchased fats and oils.
311230	Breakfast cereal manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing breakfast cereal foods.
311310	Sugar manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing raw sugar, sugar syrup and refined sugar from sugar cane, raw cane sugar or sugar beets.
311340	Non-chocolate confectionery manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing non-chocolate confectionery.
311351	Chocolate and chocolate confectionery manufacturing from cacao beans	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in shelling, roasting and grinding cacao beans into chocolate cacao products and chocolate confectionery.

311352	Confectionery manufacturing from purchased chocolate	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing chocolate confectionery from purchased chocolate.
311410	Frozen food manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing frozen fruits and vegetables; and frozen dinners and side dishes of several ingredients, except seafood.
311420	Fruit and vegetable canning, pickling and drying	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in preserving fruits and vegetables by canning, pickling, brining and dehydrating. Canning uses heat sterilization; pickling uses vinegar solutions and brining uses salt solutions.
311511	Fluid milk manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing milk and processed milk products.
311515	Butter, cheese, and dry and condensed dairy product manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing butter, cheese, and dry and condensed dairy products.
311520	Ice cream and frozen dessert manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing ice cream and other frozen desserts.
311614	Rendering and meat processing from carcasses	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in rendering animal fat, bones and meat scraps; or preparing meat and meat by-products from carcasses.
311615	Poultry slaughtering and processing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in slaughtering poultry and small game or preparing processed poultry and small game meat and meat by-products.
311616	Beef cattle slaughtering	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in slaughtering beef cattle.
311617	Hog slaughtering	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in slaughtering hogs.
311619	Other animal slaughtering	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in slaughtering animals, except beef cattle, hogs, poultry and small game.
311811	Bakeries, manufacture of products for retail sale	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing bakery products, for sale to the general public, for consumption off the premises. Establishments in this industry make bakery products from flour, not from prepared doughs.

311814	Commercial bakeries and frozen bakery product manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing bakery products, other than for sale to the general public. Establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing frozen baked products are included. Establishments in this industry make bakery products from flour, not from prepared doughs.
311821	Cookie and cracker manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing cookies, crackers, biscuits and similar products.
311824	Flour mixes, dough, and pasta manufacturing from purchased flour	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing either dry pasta, prepared flour mixes or dough from purchased flour.
311830	Tortilla manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing tortillas.
311911	Roasted nut and peanut butter manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in salting, roasting, drying, cooking or canning nuts; processing grains or seeds into snacks; or manufacturing peanut butter.
311919	Other snack food manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in manufacturing snack foods.
311920	Coffee and tea manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in roasting coffee; manufacturing coffee and tea extracts and concentrates, including instant and freeze dried; blending tea; or manufacturing herbal tea.
311930	Flavouring syrup and concentrate manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing soft drink concentrates and syrup, and related products for soda fountain use or for making soft drinks.
311940	Seasoning and dressing manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing dressings and seasonings.
311990	All other food manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in manufacturing food.
312110	Soft drink and ice manufacturing	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in manufacturing soft drinks, ice or bottled water. Water-bottling establishments in this industry purify the water before bottling it.
484110	General freight trucking, local	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in local general freight trucking.

		These establishments primarily provide trucking services within a metropolitan area and its hinterland. Generally the trips are same-day return.
484121	General freight trucking, long distance, truck-load (single shipper)	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in long distance, general freight trucking of complete truck-loads. A truck-load shipment is generally devoted to the goods of a single shipper, taken directly from a point of origin to one or more destination points. Generally the trips are not same-day return.
484122	General freight trucking, long distance, less than truck-load (multiple shippers)	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in long distance, general freight trucking of less than complete truck-loads. Less-than-truck-load carriers are characterized by the load of shipments from multiple shippers or the use of terminals to consolidate shipments, generally from several shippers, into a single truck for haulage between a load assembly terminal and a disassembly terminal, where the load is sorted and shipments are re-routed for delivery. Generally the trips are not same-day return.
484221	Bulk liquids trucking, local	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in the local trucking of bulk liquids.
484222	Dry bulk materials trucking, local	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in the local trucking of dry bulk materials. These establishments use dump trucks and dump trailers, tank trucks, hopper trucks and similar vehicles to transport goods such as sand, gravel, snow, dry chemicals and ores.
484229	Other specialized freight (except used goods) trucking, local	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in providing local trucking services, using specialized equipment.
484231	Bulk liquids trucking, long distance	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in the long distance trucking of bulk liquids.
484232	Dry bulk materials trucking, long distance	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in the long distance trucking of dry bulk materials. These establishments use dump trucks and dump trailers, tank trucks, hopper trucks and similar vehicles to transport goods such as sand, gravel, dry chemicals and ores.
484239	Other specialized freight (except	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry,

	used goods) trucking, long distance	primarily engaged in providing long distance trucking services, using specialized equipment. Some important truck types used by these establishments are refrigerated vans and motor vehicle haulers.
493110	General warehousing and storage	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in operating public and contract general merchandise warehousing and storage facilities. These establishments handle goods in containers, such as boxes, barrels and drums, using equipment such as forklifts, pallets and racks. They are not specialized in the handling of a particular type of good.
493120	Refrigerated warehousing and storage	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in operating refrigerated warehousing and storage facilities. These establishments provide public and contract warehouse and storage services, using equipment designed to keep goods frozen or refrigerated. The services provided include blast freezing, tempering and modified atmosphere storage, in addition to the warehousing services typically provided by establishments in this industry group.
493130	Farm product warehousing and storage	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in operating farm product warehousing and storage facilities, except refrigerated.
493190	Other warehousing and storage	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in operating warehousing and storage facilities. These establishments operate facilities and equipment that are designed to handle a particular type of good.
541380	Testing laboratories	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing physical, chemical and other analytical testing services.
541619	Other management consulting services	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in providing advice and assistance to other organizations on management issues.
541620	Environmental consulting services	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing advice and assistance to other organizations on environmental issues, such as the control of environmental contamination from pollutants, toxic substances and hazardous materials.

		These establishments identify problems, measure and evaluate risks, and recommend solutions. They employ a multi-disciplined staff of scientists, engineers and other technicians, with expertise in areas such as air and water quality, asbestos contamination, remediation and environmental law.
541690	Other scientific and technical consulting services	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in providing advice and assistance to other organizations on scientific and technical issues.
541990	All other professional, scientific and technical services	This Canadian industry comprises establishments, not classified to any other Canadian industry, primarily engaged in the provision of professional, scientific or technical services.
624210	Community food services	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in the collection, preparation and delivery of food for the needy.
722310	Food service contractors	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in supplying food services under contract for a specific period of time.
722330	Mobile food services	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in preparing and serving meals and snacks for immediate consumption from motorized vehicles or non-motorized carts.
722511	Full-service restaurants	This Canadian industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing food services to patrons who order and are served while seated and pay after eating.

APPENDIX “C”

Eligible Food Products

Production, processing or services at the Project location involving the food products listed below are eligible for funding through this Initiative. Exclusive handling of eligible food products is not required. However, the Project activities and Eligible Costs must be directly tied to the eligible food products as a final product at the end stage of handling at the Project location.

Foods of Plant Origin

Fresh and Minimally Processed

- Ready-to-eat (RTE) minimally processed fruits and vegetables
- RTE bagged salads, leafy greens, and herbs
- Sprouted seeds

Processed Plant Product

- Frozen fruits and vegetables
- Unpasteurized fruit and vegetable juices (e.g., apple cider)
- Nuts (e.g., peanuts and tree nuts) and nut products (e.g., nut butters, packaged mixed nuts)

Meat Products

Slaughter and Processing

- Poultry
- Beef
- Lamb, Mutton
- Goat
- Swine

Ready-to-Eat Meat Products

- Canned meats
- Meat spreads (e.g., pâté)
- Frankfurters
- Deli meats
- Whole-muscle dry-cured meats
- Dried meat products
- Fermented sausages

- Other RTE meat products

Note: RTE meals, prepared meals, and meal kits that contain meat are not eligible under this Initiative.

Dairy Products

Milk

- Sheep
- Water buffalo

Cheese

- Fresh and soft white cheese
- Firm cheese
- Soft cheese
- Semi-soft cheese
- Unpasteurized (raw milk) cheese

Frozen Dairy

- Ice cream
- Other frozen dairy products

Other

RTE spreads and dips

- Hummus
- Tzatziki
- Spinach dip
- Other refrigerated or shelf-stable RTE dips and spreads

Plant-based dairy alternatives

- Plant-based milk alternative beverages
- Plant-based frozen dairy alternatives
- Other plant-based dairy alternative products