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SUBJECT: CFIA FFV Program's Establishment Inspection Project

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is modernizing and strengthening Canada's food safety system to support the shared responsibility that government, industry and consumers have for food safety. Under the auspices of the CFIA's Food Safety Action Plan, and as a preventative strategy for produce safety, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (FFV) Program is implementing a new "Establishment Inspection Project for Packers and Re-packers of Fresh Leafy Vegetables, Green Onions and/or Herbs".

This project is designed to focus inspections on industry's implementation of good manufacturing practices (GMPs), good handling practices (GHPs), and food safety controls. Packers and re-packers of leafy vegetables, green onions and/or herbs involved in marketing produce in import, export and/or in inter-provincial trade will be assessed for their compliance with Canadian food safety requirements. Sampling and label verification of final products will also be incorporated.

The following document is included for your information:

- *Frequently Asked Questions Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program Establishment Inspection Project for Packers and Re-packers of Fresh Leafy Vegetables, Green Onions and/or Herbs.*

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency Inspector(s) will refer to the following document (also included) to inspect selected facilities:

- *Establishment Inspection Worksheet for Packer and Re-packer of Fresh Leafy Vegetables, Green Onions and/or Herbs.*

The goal is to pursue a cooperative approach to support the collective responsibilities of government, industry and consumers with respect to food safety.

Further details regarding this project can be obtained by contacting the CFIA at 1-800-442-2342.

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