



Canadian Food
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne
d'inspection des aliments

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Our vision:

To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

Our mission:

Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

Benefits of Canada/US Harmonized Import Conditions

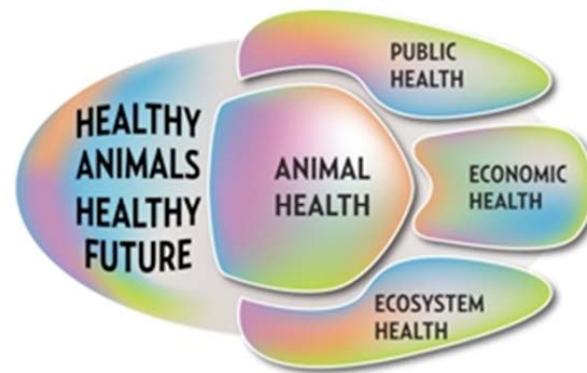
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One Health Continuum



A holistic approach to health management.

Foreign Animal Disease & Emergency Management

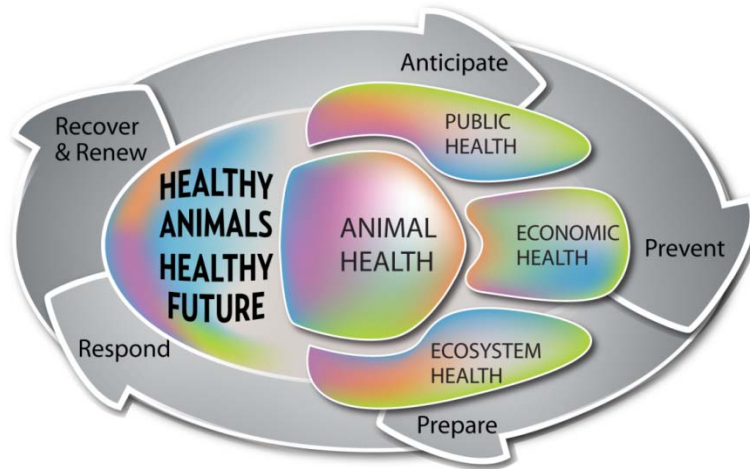
To prevent the listed reportable diseases from entering Canada and to guard against their becoming established, the CFIA has developed import controls, active surveillance and emergency preparedness measures.

PREVENTION	import controls, slaughter inspection, biosecurity programs, awareness campaigns
PREPAREDNESS	emergency plans and procedures, response exercises, notifiable list development
RESPONSE	traceback, disease eradication programs
RECOVERY	decontamination, post-outbreak surveillance, certified herd programs, regaining markets

Anticipation – “It came out of nowhere!”



Merging of one health and emergency management principles



Anticipation and Prevention are key factors in this complex environment

Focus a lot on disease response and management but what we really want to do is to not let it in in the first place.

Role of import conditions in FAD management

There's much we can't control

- Global travel
- Migratory animals
- Vector incursions due to climate change
- Illegal imports

We need to focus on what we can control

- Anticipation
- Prevention
- Communication
- Education



BE AWARE AND DECLARE!

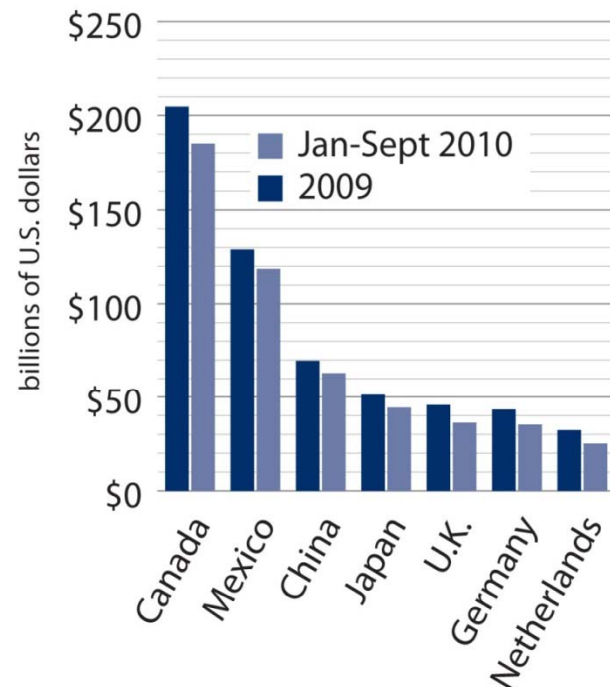
Why should Canadian import conditions be important to the US?

World's largest bilateral trading relationship

More than 8 million US jobs depend upon trade with Canada.

- Goods trade: more than \$431 billion/year
- Canada is U.S.' biggest customer – we buy more from you than China, Japan, and the U.K. combined

U.S. merchandise exports, 2009–2010





Harmonization is consistent with top to top initiatives

- The Canada–United States Regulatory Cooperation Council was announced by Prime Minister Harper and President Obama on Feb 4, 2011.
- Focus on a limited number of priority sectors within two-year mandate, including agriculture. The agriculture-related action plan items will reflect priority issues raised by industry during the consultation process.

What do harmonized import conditions really mean

- Do everything exactly the same? – No
- Ensure equivalence of outcomes? – Yes
- Common understanding of criteria for equivalence? – Yes
- Science-based import conditions that follow international guidelines? – Yes





Canada and the US already harmonize some animal health activities

Current Initiatives

- Canada/US zoning project
- FMD vaccine bank and FMD vaccination strategies
- Implementation of standard emergency response protocols in both Canada and the US (Incident Command System)
- Joint Canada/US country evaluations for diseases of concern
 - FMD – EU, Japan, Colombia
- Both countries participate in tri-partite and quadrilateral meetings

Canada/US Co-operation in action abroad!





We also harmonize many import conditions already

Current Initiatives (cont.)

- Harmonization of testing protocols for certain diseases (Canada/US/Mexico)
- Joint protocols for response to Avian Influenza outbreaks in Canada or the US
- Similar requirements for various species/diseases
 - Rabies in dogs
 - EIA in horses
 - Tuberculosis in elephants
 - Import only from FMD free countries or zones or only specific commodities with mitigating measures



Moving forward

- Complete work on projects already underway.
- Continue to work closely with our USDA colleagues to identify areas for further harmonisation, particularly with respect to testing protocols and perimeter entry requirements.
- Explore new initiatives such as compartmentalisation.

Don't forget recovery

Decisions made during disease preparation and response phases can have a significant impact on market recovery

- Design of new programs – including changes to import conditions
- Cleaning and disinfection - timing
- Vaccination decisions
- Participation in vaccine banks
- Participation in veterinary reserves



Proposed Vision

Healthy Animals, Healthy Future

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Animal health will be recognized as a key pillar in the preservation and promotion of Canada's health and economic prosperity.

In keeping with that perspective, Canada's animal health emergency management system will be anticipatory, adaptable, agile and seamlessly integrated with public, economic and environmental health systems.

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