

April 23, 2020 - 6:00 pm (MDT)

Travel Without Counterfoil - Temporary Foreign Workers (Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada - IRCC)

Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has authorized exceptional procedures to facilitate the travel to Canada of agricultural workers who fall under the COVID-19 special measures. This is in recognition that with the current closure of the Visa Application Centers (VACs) in the region, clients are not able to submit their passports to IRCC Mexico. The attached info sheet describes the steps to take for such workers to travel to Canada without having a physical counterfoil (visa sticker) affixed to their passports. Workers who have not already submitted their passports to IRCC Mexico do not need to send their passports to us at this time.

This exceptional, temporary procedure is only available for cases meeting the following criteria:

- The worker must have employment in a critical industry (agriculture)
- The worker must have applied for and been approved a work permit.
- They must travel to Canada on a charter flight. The employer/ employer organization must provide details of each worker on the flight to IRCC at the e-mail address indicated in the information sheet.

Workers who normally require a counterfoil in their passports may be issued a Counterfoil letter with their name, passport and counterfoil details along with the Work Permit Letter of Introduction which they must carry with them and present at the port of entry in Canada.

[Info sheet - Travel without Counterfoil for Agricultural Workers - IRCC Mexico \(004\)](#)

April 22, 2020 - 7:30 pm (MDT)

Special Compliance Inspections for Employers of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program during the COVID-19 Pandemic/Inspections spéciales de conformité visant les employeurs du Programme des travailleurs étrangers temporaires pendant la pandémie de COVID-19

Le gouvernement du Canada continue de partager des informations pour s'assurer que les employeurs, les travailleurs et les intervenants clés sont conscients de leurs responsabilités ainsi que leurs obligations de se conformer aux exigences de santé publique dans le contexte de la COVID-19.

La santé et la sécurité des Canadiens et des travailleurs étrangers demeurent primordiales et, à ce titre, le programme des travailleurs étrangers temporaires enverra aujourd'hui à tous les

utilisateurs du programme les renseignements ci-dessous concernant les nouvelles exigences relatives aux inspections de conformité des employeurs durant cette pandémie.

Il est à noter que ces nouvelles exigences sont conformes aux changements apportés au Règlement sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés (RIPR) présentés au Parlement le 11 avril 2020 et entrées en vigueur le 20 avril 2020. En vertu de ce règlement, les employeurs ont la responsabilité spécifique de prévenir l'introduction et la propagation de la Covid-19 au Canada.

[Inspections spéciales de conformité pendant la pandémie COVID-19](#)

The Government of Canada continues to share information to ensure employers, workers and stakeholders are aware of their responsibilities and obligations to comply with public health requirements in the context of COVID-19.

The health and safety of Canadians and foreign workers remains paramount, and as such the Temporary Foreign Worker Program will send out the information below today to all Program users regarding new requirements as they pertain to employer compliance inspections during this pandemic.

Of note, these new requirements are in accordance with changes introduced to the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations* (IRPR) to Parliament on April 11, 2020, and that came into force on April 20, 2020. Under these regulations, employers have a specific responsibility to prevent the introduction and spread of Covid-19 in Canada.

[Special Compliance Inspections during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

April 17, 2020 - 4:00 pm (MDT)

**COVID-19 Weekly Information Update / Mise à jour de la semaine –
AAFC (April 17, 2020)**

***** *Le français suit* *****

We would like to share with you a few updates related to COVID-19 that you may find of interest. Please do not hesitate to share this information with your networks.

1. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
2. **Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) – Notice to industry**
3. **Modifications to Canada's Emergency Business Account (CEBA)**
4. **Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA)**
5. **Modifications to Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)**
6. **Temporary top-up to salaries of workers deemed essential**

7. **Stay of Default under the Advance Payments Program (APP)**
8. **Updates from International Trading Partners**

Reminders

In case you missed it:

1. **Keeping Canadians and workers in the food supply chain safe**
2. **Additional Funding for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)**
3. **CFIA expectations on the prevention of and response to suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 by operators**

New expectations for operators have been posted on the CFIA website about [preventing and responding to COVID-19 in establishments regulated by CFIA](#). This document is **not** intended for meat slaughter and processing establishments. Separate CFIA guidance about [preventing and responding to COVID-19 in meat slaughter and processing establishments](#) exists.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and please continue to consult regularly the [AAFC website](#) for updates. This week, we added information on how to participate in our ongoing COVID-19 information sharing stakeholder calls, and additional Qs&As on interprovincial trucking and scientific research.

Industry Engagement Division / Division de la consultation du secteur Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada / Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

[COVID-19 Weekly Information Update - Mise à jour de la semaine \(EN\)](#)

Bonjour,

Nous souhaitons partager avec vous quelques mises à jour concernant la COVID-19 qui pourraient vous intéresser. N'hésitez pas à partager cette information parmi vos réseaux.

1. **Équipement de protection individuelle (EPI)**
2. **Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments (ACIA) – Avis à l'industrie**
3. **Modifications au Compte d'urgence pour les entreprises canadiennes (CUEC)**
4. **Aide d'urgence du Canada pour le loyer commercial (AUCLC)**
5. **Modifications à la Prestation canadienne d'urgence (PCU)**
6. **Complément salarial temporaire pour les travailleurs jugés essentiels**
7. **Sursis à la mise en défaut sous le Programme de paiements anticipés (PPA)**
8. **Mises à jour de nos partenaires commerciaux internationaux**

Rappels

Au cas où vous l'auriez manqué :

1. **Protection de la population canadienne et des travailleurs de la chaîne d'approvisionnement alimentaire**
2. **Financement supplémentaire pour l'Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments (ACIA)**
3. **Attentes de l'ACIA en matière de prévention de la COVID 19 et intervention auprès de cas soupçonnés et confirmés par les exploitants**

De nouvelles attentes à l'intention des exploitants en matière de [prévention et d'intervention pour la COVID-19 dans les établissements réglementés par l'ACIA](#) ont été affichées sur le site Web de l'ACIA. Ce document n'est **pas** destiné aux établissements d'abattage et de transformation de la viande. Un guide distinct de l'ACIA portant sur [la prévention et sur l'intervention reliées à la COVID-19 dans ces établissements](#) a été élaboré.

Nous vous remercions de votre coopération continue et vous invitons à continuer à consulter régulièrement le [site web d'AAC](#) pour les mises à jour. Cette semaine, nous avons ajouté de l'information sur la façon de participer à nos appels avec les intervenants pour partager de l'information sur la COVID-19, ainsi que des questions et réponses sur le camionnage interprovincial et la recherche scientifique.

Industry Engagement Division / Division de la consultation du secteur Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada / Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

[COVID-19 Weekly Information Update - Mise à jour de la semaine \(fr\)](#)

April 15, 2020 - 7:00 pm (MDT)

1. **Special Partner Briefing - CAHRC-CCRHA**
2. **AAFC/AAC Roundtable**
3. **CFIA expectations on the prevention of and response to suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 by operators / Attentes de l'ACIA en matière de prévention de la COVID 19 et intervention auprès de cas soupçonnés et confirmés par les exploitants**
4. **Prime Minister announces expanded access to Canada Emergency Response Benefit and support for essential workers**

Special Partner Briefing - COVID-19, April 2020 - Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC-CCRHA)

<https://mailchi.mp/55cb8c2701ea/emerging-labour-issues-special-update-for-cahrc-partners-fall-5525089?e=6f4427c084>

AAFC/AAC Roundtable -COVID-19 Logistics & Border-Related Labour Questions / Questions relatives à la logistique et aux frontières en lien avec la main d'œuvre

(Le français suit)

Over the past few weeks, we have received many questions related to labour issues, in particular Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs). We are aware that Labour and TFWs remain an important area of concern for the sector. Thank you for raising this important issue.

We have seen a recurring theme in the questions being asked, particularly those linked to logistics of bringing in TFWs into Canada. We have determined that the responses to these questions would benefit the industry at-large. As such, we are sharing the attached FAQ related to labour and TFWs that we trust you will find helpful.

As we work with other government departments to answer your Labour and TFW questions, we will continue to issue these batch email updates.

As always, please continue to send any questions you have to the Roundtable account (aafc.roundtable-table-ronde.aac@canada.ca).

[FAQ - Logistics Border-Related Labour Questions - April 14 - EN](#)

Au cours des dernières semaines, nous avons reçu de nombreuses questions relatives aux enjeux de la main-d'œuvre, en particulier les travailleurs étrangers temporaires (TET). Nous sommes conscients que la main-d'œuvre et les TET restent un sujet de préoccupation important pour le secteur. Nous vous remercions d'avoir porté ces questions à notre attention.

Nous avons constaté un thème récurrent dans les questions posées, en particulier celles liées à la logistique de l'arrivée des TET au Canada. Nous avons déterminé que les réponses à ces questions seraient bénéfiques pour l'ensemble de l'industrie. C'est pourquoi nous vous faisons part de la FAQ ci-jointe sur la main-d'œuvre et les TET, qui, nous l'espérons, vous sera utile.

Nous continuerons à vous envoyer ces mises à jour par courriel, au fur et à mesure que nous travaillerons avec d'autres ministères pour répondre à vos questions sur la main-d'œuvre et les TET.

Veillez continuer à envoyer vos questions au courriel de la Table-ronde (aafc.roundtable-table-ronde.aac@canada.ca)

[FAQ - Logistics Border-Related Labour Questions - April 14 - FR](#)

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(Le français suit)

New expectations for operators have been posted on the CFIA website about [preventing and responding to COVID-19 in establishments regulated by CFIA](#).

The document outlines steps that the CFIA expects operators to take to address exposure risks for both the establishment and CFIA employees.

This document is not intended for meat slaughter and processing establishments. Separate CFIA guidance about [preventing and responding to COVID-19 in meat slaughter and processing establishments](#) exists.

Get the latest information

- [CFIA information on COVID-19](#)
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): PHAC Outbreak update](#)

If you have concerns or questions not answered on our website, send us your question by email.

De nouvelles attentes à l'intention des exploitants en matière de [prévention et d'intervention pour la COVID-19 dans les établissements réglementés par l'ACIA](#) ont été affichées sur le site Web de l'ACIA.

Le document décrit les étapes qui, selon l'ACIA, doivent être effectuées pour aborder les risques d'exposition pour l'établissement et les employés de l'ACIA.

Ce document n'est pas destiné aux établissements d'abattage et de transformation de la viande. Un guide distinct de l'ACIA portant sur [la prévention et sur l'intervention reliées à la COVID-19 dans ces établissements](#) a été élaboré.

Renseignements les plus récents

- [Information de l'ACIA sur la COVID-19](#)
- [Maladie à coronavirus \(COVID-19\): mise à jour sur l'éclosion de l'ASPC](#)

Si vous avez une question sans réponse sur notre site Web, envoyez-nous votre question par courriel.

Prime Minister announces expanded access to Canada Emergency Response Benefit and support for essential workers

Please see the following link outlining changes made to expand eligibility for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, alongside a proposed wage support for essential workers.

<https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/15/prime-minister-announces-expanded-access-canada-emergency-response>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/04/expanding-access-to-the-canada-emergency-response-benefit-and-proposing-a-new-wage-boost-for-essential-workers.html>

April 14, 2020 - 10:00 am (MDT)

AGRI HR Toolkit - Canadian Agriculture Human Resource Council (CAHRC-CCRHA)

The AgriHR Toolkit, developed by Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) through extensive consultations with producers across Canada, offers assistance every step of the way with guides, templates, resources, and the critical questions that you need to ask and answer about your business.

[COVID-19 - AGRI HR Toolkit](#)



<https://hrtoolkit.cahrc-ccrha.ca/>

April 13, 2020 - 4:00 pm (MDT)

News release - Government of Canada

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Protecting the health and safety of Canadians is the clear top priority in managing COVID-19, so the Government of Canada is working very closely with provinces, territories and stakeholders to maintain the strength of Canada's food supply chain. Before the pandemic, the food sector was already challenged by significant labour shortages and it is anticipated there will be even more jobs to fill, requiring a variety of skills.

In many regions across Canada, producing a variety of quality foods to be sold at affordable prices relies upon the contributions of experienced temporary foreign workers right from planting season to harvest—particularly for fresh fruits and vegetables. Fish, seafood and meat processing plants are also reliant on the addition of these workers.

This is an important reason why the Government of Canada granted an exemption for temporary foreign workers from travel restrictions to Canada, along with other foreigners with student and work visas, provided they adhere to a strict 14-day isolation protocol upon arrival.

The rules of the mandatory isolation period have been clearly defined and distributed to the employers, who themselves are committed to protecting the health of their communities and their workers. Government authorities will continue to proactively communicate and engage with employers, source countries and other stakeholders on public health requirements. Those who do not comply with the Quarantine Act or the isolation protocol will face severe fines and sanctions. Under proposed changes, employers could also face significant penalties, and a possible ban from the program, if they prevent adherence to the self-isolation order.

In addition to the responsibility of paying the workers for the two weeks during which time they cannot work, many employers are also responsible for providing workers with transportation and accommodations, as well as access to food and basic supplies needed to meet all of the conditions imposed by public health authorities.

Recognizing the importance of this responsibility, the federal government will provide support of \$1,500 for each temporary foreign worker, to employers or those working with them to ensure requirements are fully met. The funding is conditional on employers not being found in violation of the mandatory 14-day isolation protocols or any other public health order. This program will be available as long as the *Quarantine Act* is in force and the isolation protocol is followed.

As labour circumstances are different across regions in Canada, the Government will work with interested provinces and territories in the coming days to ensure this funding is delivered in a manner that meets their needs and best ensures quarantine requirements are met.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2020/04/keeping-canadians-and-workers-in-the-food-supply-chain-safe.html>

April 9, 2020 - 4:00 pm (MDT)

**COVID-19 Weekly Information Update / Mise a jour de la semaine –
AAFC (April 9, 2020)**

******* *Le français suit* *******

We would like to share with you a few updates related to COVID-19 that you may find of interest. Please do not hesitate to share this information with your networks.

1. **Canada Emergency Business Account**
2. **Temporary Foreign Workers**
3. **Additional Details on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy**
4. **Temporary Changes to the Canada Summer Jobs Program**
5. **Letter of Employment Confirmation – Essential transportation worker**
6. **Air Freight**
7. **CFIA's temporary suspension of certain labelling requirements for foodservice products due to COVID-19**
8. **Fertilizer Canada's Template for Essential Services Letter**
9. **Updates – International Trading Partners**

Nous souhaitons partager avec vous quelques mises à jour concernant la COVID-19 qui pourraient vous intéresser. N'hésitez pas à partager cette information parmi vos réseaux.

1. **Compte d'urgence pour les entreprises canadiennes**
2. **Travailleurs étrangers temporaires**
3. **Information supplémentaire sur la Subvention salariale d'urgence du Canada**
4. **Changements temporaires apportés au programme Emplois d'été Canada**
5. **Lettre de confirmation de l'emploi – travailleurs essentiels du transport**
6. **Fret aérien**
7. **L'ACIA – Suspension temporaire de certaines exigences d'étiquetage pour les produits de services alimentaires en raison de la COVID-19**
8. **Modèle de lettre de Fertilisants Canada pour les services essentiels (disponible en anglais seulement)**
9. **Mises à jour – Partenaires commerciaux internationaux**

[Weekly information update - Mise a jour de la semaine- AAFC, April 9, 2020 \(en & fr\)](#)

April 7, 2020 - 12:30 pm (MDT)

Some information updates related to COVID-19 / Quelques mises à jour concernant la COVID-19.

Similar message to the April 4, 2020, however **please see additional information in item in #3.**

(la version française suit)

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1. Below I a link to a joint letter from the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, and the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, outlining the Government of Canada's expectations of employers seeking to bring in temporary foreign workers to Canada.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/minister-letter-foreign-workers.html>

2. In addition the Temporary Foreign Worker Program has now posted new FAQs online. These FAQs provide new and updated guidance to employers regarding the payment of wages during the 14-day self isolation period, and should be used by employers and stakeholders to complement the Guidance to Employers shared with you last week.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/foreign-workers/employer-compliance/covid-faq.html>

Information on new measures under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program is available at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html>

3. In addition, we wanted to draw your attention to a link from Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) to request companies to let the Government of Canada know what products or services they have to support Canada's response to combat the Covid-19 pandemic. The Government of Canada needs information about products and services businesses can supply in support of Canada's response to COVID-19. This includes medical products for prevention, like disposable N95 masks, vinyl gloves and hand sanitizer. It also includes different services, such as security, nursing, and food services. The full list is posted on the [Calling all suppliers – Help Canada Combat COVID-19](#) on Buyandsell.gc.ca. Information regarding [product specifications](#) is also available.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and please continue to check the AAFC website for updates.

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1. Vous trouverez ci-dessous un lien vers une lettre conjointe de la ministre de la Santé, l'honorable Patty Hajdu et de la ministre de l'Emploi, du Développement de la main-d'œuvre et de l'Inclusion des personnes handicapées, l'honorable Carla Qualtrough, qui décrit les attentes du gouvernement du Canada à l'égard des employeurs qui souhaitent embaucher des travailleurs étrangers temporaires.

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/emploi-developpement-social/ministere/avis/lettre-ministres-travailleurs-etrangers.htm>

2. En plus des conseils aux employeurs qui vous ont été communiqués la semaine dernière, le Programme des travailleurs étrangers temporaires a maintenant mis en ligne une nouvelle Foire aux questions. Ces FAQs fournissent des orientations nouvelles et actualisées aux employeurs concernant le paiement des salaires pendant la période d'auto-isolement de 14 jours, et devraient être utilisées par les employeurs et les intervenants pour compléter les lignes directives précédentes.

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/emploi-developpement-social/services/travailleurs-etrangers/conformite-employeurs/lecovid-faq.html>

Des informations sur les nouvelles mesures dans le cadre du Programme des travailleurs étrangers temporaires sont disponibles à l'adresse suivante :

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/emploi-developpement-social/ministere/avis/coronavirus.html>

3. De plus, nous voulions attirer votre attention sur un lien de Services publics et marchés publics Canada (PSPC) pour demander aux entreprises de faire connaître au gouvernement du Canada les produits ou services dont elles disposent pour soutenir la réponse du Canada dans la lutte contre la pandémie de Covid-19. Le gouvernement du Canada a besoin de renseignements sur les produits et les services que des entreprises peuvent fournir à l'appui de la réponse du Canada à la COVID 19. Cela comprend des produits médicaux de prévention, tel que des masques N95 à usage unique, des gants de vinyle et du désinfectant pour les mains, ainsi que différents services, notamment dans les domaines de la sécurité, des soins infirmiers et des services alimentaires. La liste complète est affichée sur l'[Appel à tous les fournisseurs – Aider le Canada à combattre la maladie du coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) sur Achatsetventes.gc.ca. Des renseignements sur [spécifications des produits](#) sont aussi disponibles.

Nous vous remercions de votre collaboration et nous vous invitons de continuer à consulter le site web du AAC pour les mises à jour.

Industry Engagement Division / Division de la consultation du secteur Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada / Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada

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April 4, 2020 - 7:00 pm (MDT)

Update from the Government of Canada - Guidance for Employers of Temporary Foreign Workers Regarding COVID-19 / Faisant suite: Lignes directrices pour les employeurs de travailleurs étrangers temporaires sur COVID-19

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Information on new measures under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program is available at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html>

Thank you for your continued cooperation and please continue to check the Program website for updates.

April 2, 2020 - 2:00 pm (MDT)

Guidance on Essential Services and Functions in Canada - Public Safety Canada

(la version française suit)

Please be advised that Public Safety Canada has released "Guidance on Essential Services and Functions in Canada during the COVID-19 Pandemic" (<https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-sert/crtel-nfrstrctr/esf-sfe-en.aspx>). It was developed in consultation with provinces, territories, and national unions. This guidance is evergreen and will be adjusted as needed.

The purpose of the document is to help provinces / territories, Indigenous communities, and municipalities protect their communities while maintaining the reliable operation of critical infrastructure services and functions to ensure the health, safety, and economic well-being of the population.

It is a non-exhaustive list of essential services and functions to facilitate the movement of critical infrastructure workers within and between jurisdictions. It also serves to help maintain the operation of critical services that ensure the health, safety, and economic well-being of Canadians. The services and functions outlined herein are advisory in nature, and should not be considered a federal directive or standard.

To ensure the continued functioning of our integrated economies, this document is aligned and consistent with the United States Department of Homeland Security [Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#), which was issued on March 19, 2020.

Thank you very much.

Veillez noter que Sécurité publique Canada a publié un document intitulé « Orientation sur les services et les fonctions essentiels au Canada pendant la pandémie de la COVID-19 » (<https://www.securitepublique.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scr/crtcl-nfrstrctr/esf-sfe-fr.aspx>). Ce guide fait suite aux consultations tenues avec les provinces et territoires ainsi que des organisations syndicales nationale. Ce document sera revu périodiquement afin d'être ajusté selon les besoins.

L'objectif de ce document est d'aider les provinces / territoires, les communautés autochtones et les municipalités à protéger leurs communautés tout en maintenant le fonctionnement fiable des services et des fonctions des infrastructures essentielles pour assurer la santé, la sécurité et le bien-être économique de la population.

Il s'agit d'une liste non exhaustive de services et fonctions essentiels pour faciliter la circulation des travailleurs des infrastructures essentielles au sein des juridictions et entre elles. Il sert également à maintenir les services essentiels à l'exploitation qui assurent la santé, la sécurité et le bien-être économique des Canadiens. Les services et fonctions décrits ici sont de nature consultative et ne doivent pas être considérés comme une directive ou une norme fédérale.

Pour assurer le fonctionnement continu de nos économies intégrées, ce document est aligné et cohérent avec les directives du Département de la sécurité intérieure des États-Unis sur les effectifs essentiels des infrastructures essentielles (« [Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#) »), publié le 19 mars 2020.

Merci beaucoup.

April 1, 2020 - 10:00 am (MDT)

- 1. FCPC OPERATIONS BEST PRACTICES DOCUMENTATION**
- 2. PACKAGES AND QUEENS**
- 3. TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS - Work Permit Extension and Agri-Food Immigration Pilot Update**

(See details below)

1. FCPC OPERATIONS BEST PRACTICES DOCUMENTATION

[20-03-31 Food & Consumer Products Operations Best Practices Summary](#)

[20-03-31 Food & Consumer Products Operations Best Practices](#)

2. PACKAGES AND QUEENS

Work is continuing on this issue. Further updates will be provided as soon as available.

California/Hawaiian Queens

The breeders have good stock and are preparing for their first loads. Since Air Canada has ceased carrying livestock alternate plans for Kona Queens have had to be put in place. Currently, we do not think there will be an issue, but that can change. We are working in cooperation with a lot of other industry participants on alternate plans should there be an issue in the delivery of queens from these locations.

Packages/ Queens from outside the USA

Again, Air Canada disruption of services has created a myriad of issues. Certain Australian beekeeping operations have closed down. Flights between Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Europe are drastically reduced. The Government is assisting us in trying to find solution as these commercial operations are extremely important to our food security.

It is more difficult to provide exact information in stock replacement area since most of the activity is an one-off. We will continue to keep everyone updated as things progress.

3. TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS - Work Permit Extension and Agri-Food Immigration Pilot Update

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Work Permit Extention

For Temporary Foreign Workers already in Canada, IRCC has taken measures to facilitate [extensions](#) of work permits.

If it's been less than 90 days since your status expired, you can apply to restore your status.

To restore your status, use the document checklist and guide for extending your stay as a:

- [visitor](#)
- [student](#)
- [worker](#)

When you apply, make sure to:

- Select **Restore my status** under section 3 at the top of the form.
- Include a **note explaining the reason you need to extend your stay**.
- Include the restoration fee.

If your temporary resident status is restored, you'll get a visitor record or appropriate permit. Your record or permit will outline the conditions of your stay in Canada.

Your temporary resident status in Canada will be extended until a specified date.

If it has been more than 90 days since your status expired

You may be eligible to apply for a temporary resident permit and remain in Canada with legal status.

When you apply, make sure you include a **note explaining the reason you need to extend your stay**.

Agri-Food Immigration Pilot Update

As the Government of Canada continues its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Agri-Food Immigration Pilot is now [scheduled to open](#) on May 15, 2020, and will accept applications until May 14, 2023. Information on how to apply will be posted [online](#) and shared via social media closer to the launch date.

Nous souhaitons partager avec vous quelques mises à jour concernant la COVID-19 qui pourraient vous intéresser. N'hésitez pas à partager cette information parmi vos réseaux

Prolongation du permis de travail

Pour les travailleurs étrangers temporaires qui se trouvent déjà au Canada, le IRCC a pris des mesures pour faciliter la [prolongation](#) des permis de travail.

Mise à jour sur le projet pilote d'immigration agroalimentaire

Alors que le gouvernement du Canada continue de réagir à la pandémie de COVID-19, le projet pilote d'immigration agroalimentaire est [maintenant prévu](#) pour le 15 mai 2020 et acceptera les demandes jusqu'au 14 mai 2023. Les renseignements sur la façon de présenter une demande seront affichés [en ligne](#) et partagés par l'entremise des médias sociaux à l'approche de la date de lancement.
