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Report Highlights:

The Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA) will host a Food Safety Forum in Salinas, California on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites from 8:30am to 3:00pm (PST). The meeting will address policy changes anticipated under Canada's Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR), which Canada will publish later in 2018. Registration is free.

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In addition to three locations across Canada, the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA) will hold a Food Safety Forum in Salinas, California on **Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites** (195 Kern Street, Salinas, CA 93901). The goal of the event is to update U.S. growers, shippers, and exporters of fresh fruits and vegetables on expected changes under the new [Safe Food for Canadians Regulations \(SFCR\)](#).

The meeting is open to U.S. companies and non-CPMA members. Registration is free and can be completed [online](#). Questions regarding the event may be sent to Jeff Hall at jhall@cpma.ca

The [Canadian Produce Marketing Association](#) is a not-for-profit organization that represents companies active in marketing fresh fruits and vegetables in Canada. The SFCR will unite 13 sets of food-related regulations into a single, comprehensive regulatory framework. The SFCR will introduce new requirements for all Canadian importers as well as U.S. companies acting as Non-Resident Importers (NRIs) and serving as the Importer of Record. The SFCR will enter into force when the final text is published in *Part II* of the Canada Gazette later in 2018.

Among major proposed changes, the following requirements are expected to directly affect U.S. fruit and vegetable export transactions:

- [Traceability](#)
- [Dispute Resolution Corporation](#) membership by buyers, sellers, and importers of fresh fruits and vegetables into Canada

Additional information on the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations can be found [here](#) and in [FAS/Canada GAIN reports](#).