

Announcement and Invitation

National Workshop on Seed Program Modernization

**Hosted by the
Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)**

You are invited to a National Workshop on Seed Program Modernization to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on November 29th, 2007. At the workshop, CFIA will be reporting on Seed Program Modernization progress to date and soliciting feedback on a draft Seed Program strategic action plan developed with stakeholder input received to date. The workshop will also address questions of crop placement within a tiered variety registration system and issues around novelty triggers and the pre-commercialization assessment and approval process.

The draft workshop agenda is attached.

If you wish to register for the National Workshop on Seed Program Modernization, please confirm your intentions with Eartha Dupuis by telephone at 1-866-475-2565, by fax at (613) 228-4552 or by e-mail at consultations@inspection.gc.ca on or before **November 15, 2007**. You are encouraged to register early as space is limited.

The Workshop will be held at the Radisson Hotel Winnipeg - Skyview from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on November 29th 2007. For your convenience a block of rooms has been reserved at the Radisson Hotel for the nights of November 28th and 29th, 2007. This block will be available until November 5th. Please reference CFIA when making a reservation.

www.radisson.com/winnipegca

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Your views are important to us and we hope that you or a representative will be able to join us on November 29th, 2007.

Sincerely,

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Canadian Food Inspection Agency

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SEED PROGRAM MODERNIZATION

Radisson Hotel, Winnipeg, MB

November 29, 2007

DRAFT AGENDA

OBJECTIVES

- *Report on Seed Program Modernization progress to date*
- *Seek feedback on the Seed Program Strategic Action Plan*
- *Explore and discuss CFIA's Proposal on Placement of Crops in a tiered variety registration system*
- *Solicit feedback on Modernization of Product Assessment and Submission Administration*

08:30	‘	Welcoming Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions & Overview
08:45	‘	Review of Seed Program Modernization Progress to Date
09:00	‘	Overview of Current Regulatory Environment
09:30	‘	Presentation: Overview of Seed Program Strategic Action Plan
10:00	‘	Break
10:20	‘	Table Discussion 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solicit feedback on Seed Program Strategic Action Plan
11:20	‘	Plenary Reporting
11:40	‘	Presentation: Placement of Crops in a tiered variety registration system
12:00	‘	Lunch
13:00	‘	Table Discussion 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Placement of Crops in a tiered variety registration system
14:00	‘	Plenary Reporting
14:30	‘	Break
15:00	‘	Presentation: Modernization of Product Assessment and Submission Administration
15:20	‘	Table Discussion 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modernization of Product Assessment and Submission Administration
16:00	‘	Plenary Reporting
16:30	‘	Next Steps
16:45	‘	Adjourn
