

**Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement  
Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Committee  
Joint Report  
May 26, 2021**

The SPS Committee meeting was held through videoconference on May 26, 2021.

Chile and Canada adopted the agenda attached as Annex 1. The attendee list of each delegation is enclosed as Annex II.

**1. Agenda Items**

**a. Introduction and Opening Remarks**

Following introductory remarks from each Party, Canada suggested establishing Rules of Procedure for the Committee to streamline the process for future Committee meetings.

Action Item: Canada to circulate draft Rules of Procedure.  
Chile to review and provide comments back to Canada.

**b. Information Items/Regulatory Cooperation**

Canada provided an update on the implementation of the Safe Food for Canadian Regulations (SFCR). Canada now requires importing companies of manufactured foods to hold a licence under the SFCR.

Action item: Canada to share additional information on the SFCR which Chile will share with their export promotion agency.

Both parties provided updates on their African Swine Fever (ASF) Preparedness and Prevention strategies.

Action item: Canada to share ASF presentation with Chile.  
Chile to share ASF presentation with Canada.  
Technical meeting for further discussion on ASF preparedness and zoning will be scheduled as needed.

**c. Specific Trade Issues**

#### Stone fruit exports to British Columbia

Chile requested that Canada accept its new proposal on a systems approach for export of stone fruits to British Columbia. Canada confirmed that all information has been received and everything should be in place for Chile to use the systems approach for the 2021 production system. Canada will notify Chile as soon as the Automated Import Reference System (AIRS) is updated with the information.

Action Item: Canada to inform Chile once the process for stone fruits is complete.

#### Raspberry exports to Canada

Chile provided an update on the measures from its sanitary and custom services that have been put in place to minimize the risk of exports of third-country raspberries to Canada which were previously fraudulently identified as organic.

#### Export of lupine research seeds (Lupinus spp.)

This agenda item was not discussed. Both parties agreed in advance of the meeting to remove it from the agenda as it was not identified as an ongoing issue.

#### Market Access for Nylon shrimp

Chile requested an update on the development of import requirements for the export of nylon shrimp from Chile to Canada. Canada responded that there has been no recent communication from the original requestor on this issue but Canada would be happy to review the priority of this file if Chile is able to share the latest documents in English.

Action item: Canada to describe the process of the development of import requirements and send a formal request through the Canadian Embassy in Chile to request the documents in English.

#### Market access for trout eggs

Chile indicated that a producer has expressed interest in exporting trout eggs to Canada and asked for clarification on the process for approvals for this product. Canada responded that a full country evaluation will be required as import for aquaculture purposes is considered a high-risk end use.

Action item: Canada to describe the process of the development of import requirements and respond on a technical level through the Canadian Embassy in Chile.

#### Final steps for bivalve molluscs exports authorization

Chile asked for a status update on the next step in the process concerning its access request for live bivalve molluscs for food for human consumption. Canada responded that non-susceptible species approved for public health purposes only was published in AIRS on April 21, 2021. For species that are susceptible to aquatic animal diseases and subject to animal health controls, Canada noted it has not received any requests from importers so their focus has been on other files. Chile asked if they could sign up to receive notices of when AIRS changes were published.

Action item: Canada agreed to share the process to subscribe to the AIRS listserve. On the animal health side, Canada will follow up at a technical level through the Canadian Embassy in Chile regarding imports of susceptible species of molluscs for food service and retail use.

#### Pre-listing for livestock products processing establishments

Chile requested the creation of working group to foster interchanges on genetics between Canada and Chile. The working group would develop workplans and timelines for various products, starting with embryos. Canada agreed to the creation of a working group, starting with embryos and moving on to live swine, semen and poultry establishments.

Action item: Chile to propose a date for the first working group meeting.

#### Veterinary drugs

Chile requested information on the process used for registering veterinary drugs to create vaccines. Canada indicated that the lead on that issue is Health Canada and their representatives were not at the SPS meeting but suggested the request be made in writing.

Action item: Chile to send a request for additional information regarding the registration process for veterinary products in Canada.

#### Extension of pilot program to export canola seed for crushing to Chile

Canada thanked Chile for the development of a pilot project to export canola seed for crushing. Canada suggested a technical review of the pilot project to review the program and discuss next steps. Chile indicated they would be open to a technical discussion on the third phase in 2022 to review the program with the goal of making this a permanent arrangement.

Action item: Canada to schedule a technical discussion for early 2022.

#### Salmonid eggs from Canada to Chile

Canada thanked Chile for conducting the virtual audit in February 2021 and requested an update on the re-opening of the Chilean market. Chile indicated receiving the information. Chile will issue the final report on the virtual audit by June 2021 and work towards closing this long standing market access issue by year-end. Chile will also provide additional information concerning well-water quality for the compartment.

Action item: Chile to provide parameters for well-water testing for aquaculture and to share their final report on the virtual audit of Canada's salmon egg compartment by June 2021.

Updating establishment listings for bovine embryos, breeding swine and swine semen

Canada requested an update on the establishment listings for bovine embryos, breeding swine and swine semen. Chile suggested discussing these items in the working group that will be established.

**d. Other Issues**

Parties agreed to hold another SPS committee meeting in 12-18 months.

Agenda of the Canada-Chile FTA SPS Committee Meeting  
May 26, 2021

<b>1</b>	<b>Introductions and opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledgement of inaugural meeting of new modernized Canada-Chile FTA SPS Chapter, including new SPS Committee</li> <li>• Review of action items from 2017 SPS Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Development of rules of procedure for modernized SPS Committee</li> </ul>	9:00- 9:30
<b>2</b>	<b>Information Items/Regulatory Cooperation:</b>	
	Canada: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulatory update (Safe Food for Canadians Regulations ,SFCR)</li> <li>• Update on African Swine Fever prevention</li> </ul> Chile: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on African Swine Fever prevention</li> </ul>	9:30-10:15
	<b>Health Break</b>	10:15 – 10:30
<b>3</b>	<b>Specific Trade Issues:</b>	
	<b>Issues of interest to Chile</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stone fruits exports to British Columbia</li> <li>• Raspberry exports: follow up August 2020 technical meeting</li> <li>• Export of lupine research seeds (<i>Lupinus spp.</i>)</li> <li>• Market Access for Nylon shrimp</li> <li>• Market access for trout eggs</li> <li>• Final steps for bivalve molluscs exports authorization</li> <li>• Pre-listing for livestock products processing establishment Canada/Chile</li> </ul>	10:30 – 11:00
	<b>Issues of interest to Canada</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market access of canola seeds for crushing following successful pilot shipments in 2020 (extended to February 2022)</li> <li>• Market access of salmon coho eggs following February 2021 virtual audit</li> <li>• Bovine germoplasm- updating establishment export list and expanding market access to include <i>in vitro</i> produced bovine embryos</li> <li>• Live Swine and genetics- Potential for establishment approvals through virtual audit</li> </ul>	11:00-11:30
<b>4</b>	<b>Conclusion, actions items, next meeting</b>	11:30-12:00

List of Participants to the Canada-Chile FTA SPS Committee Meeting  
May 26, 2021

Chile	Canada
<p><b><u>Under Secretariat of International Economic Affairs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gastón Fernández (GF), Head of Regulatory Division</li> <li>- Fernando Catalán, SPS advisor Regulatory Division</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>CFIA - MAS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Luc Rivard (LR)</b>, Canadian Co-Chair of the CETA SPS JMC</li> <li>• <b>Kim Meegan</b>, Deputy Director, CFIA MAS Americas</li> <li>• <b>Andrew Bauman</b>, Policy Analyst, CFIA MAS Americas</li> <li>• <b>Mathieu Gagne</b>, Policy Analyst, CFIA MAS Americas</li> </ul>
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