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Today's topics



- **Legislative update**
- **Industry consultations**
- **Programs and protocols**

Legislative update

Bill C-13



- **Amending the *Canada Grain Act*, CGC**
 - Bill C-13 dies on the Order Paper
 - Work continues
- **Goals for the future:**
 - Flexibility and retain effectiveness
 - Remove unnecessary rules and costs
 - Support industry
 - Continue to protect producers' interests

Industry consultations

Grain safety - OTA



- **Ochratoxin A**
 - Currently no domestic testing
 - Health Canada proposing maximum limits
 - Grain handling, monitoring and management practices could change
 - Consultation with industry ongoing

Shrinkage deductions



- **The issue**
 - Grain dealers, process elevators charged for comprehensive shrinkage
 - Primary, terminal elevators did not charge
 - Producer perceived inconsistencies
- **What's planned – August 2010**
 - Eliminating comprehensive shrinkage deductions
 - Revisions to moisture shrinkage deductions

Changes to CWRW variety classifications



- **Consultation completed**
 - Select and general varieties visually similar
 - August 2013 – General varieties moved to general purpose
 - Time for development of replacement varieties



Official inspection and weighing requirements



■ The issue

- U.S.-bound vessels charged up to \$0.78/ton
- Truck and rail shipments exempted
- Unfair competitive advantage



How has the CGC addressed this issue?



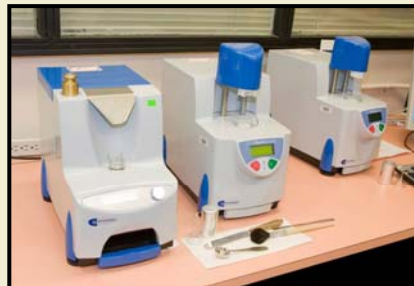
- **Proposed amendments to the *Canada Grain Regulations***
 - Inspection, weighing requirements eliminated March 31, 2010.
 - Exemptions provided since August 2009
 - Only basic data to be provided

Programs and protocols

RVA testing

Rapid visco-analyzer (RVA) study

- **GRL study concludes**
 - Inconsistent results
 - Equipment failure
 - Will not be used as grading standard at this time



Flaxseed and FP967



▪ The issue

- July 2009 – E.U. detects low-level presence of unapproved GM FP967 in Canadian flax
- CGC, industry partners develop first protocol for sampling and testing
- October 2009 – Protocol approved by E.U.
- January 2010 – Protocol for Japan

Flaxseed: Where are we today?



▪ Amended protocol – Bulk shipments

- Testing shifted to pre-loading
- Samples sent to ISO 17025 accredited labs
- Bins sealed, segregated
- CGC provides *Letter of Analysis* for FP967-free shipments

Flaxseed: Container shipments



- **Container shipments protocol**
 - Accredited/certified sampling program
 - Testing by ISO 17025 labs
 - Results sent to CGC
 - CGC issues *Letter of Analysis*
 - Approved by E.U. member states
 - Expected to be operational June 2010

Flaxseed: Next steps



- **Producers**
 - Testing of pedigree and farm-saved seed



Closing



- Change is constant
- Adapt
- Evolve
- Problem solve

Questions...



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