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THE ORGANIC FEDERATION OF CANADA NEWSLETTER

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Canadian Standards Interpretation Committee

Public comment period – June 21 to July 21, 2019

- Does the term “farm, company or organization” included within 3.41 definition of an operation encompass separate and distinct divisions of one overall food conglomerate, each division having a separate business name, management and geographical location for crop production?
- If ketoprofen is used therapeutically, is there a withdrawal period?
- For detergents listed in CAN/CGSB-32.311 Table 7.4, is the OECD biodegradable definition in test 310 considered as equivalent to the biodegradable definition under CAN/CGSB-32.310 section 3.10?

... and many other questions.

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The proposed responses from the SIC are subject to a 30-day comment period from June 21 to July 21, 2019. All comments regarding these answers should be sent to OPR.RPB@inspection.gc.ca

Report from the last public comment period is available:

2019-03 – April 18 to May 18 2019 – [click here](#)

Review of the Canadian Organic Standards

Minister Bibeau announces the coming launch of the public consultation

Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, has announced last week, Friday 14th, in Sherbrooke (QC), that the CGSB will launch a 90-day public review in summer 2019, to allow Canadians to analyze the proposed changes to the COS.

‘The success of Canadian organic products is only possible at home and abroad with the consumer trust that comes from the Canadian Organic Standards, which are the backbone of the industry and the “Canada Organic Brand”, commented AAFC.

Minister Bibeau also announced an investment of \$992,131 to the Canada Organic Trade Association to develop export and domestic market opportunities for high-quality organic food products, while continuing to build public trust and a positive reputation for the "Canada Organic Brand."

After the announcement, Minister Bibeau met with 17 leaders of the Quebec organic industry to listen to their priorities and objectives. The permanent funding of the Canadian Organic Standards and the support to organic certification were the main preoccupations expressed by the Quebec leaders.



Minister Bibeau, Nicole Boudreau, coordinator of the OFC, Marcel Groleau, President of the UPA.



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The OFC will issue a special message
when the CGSB opens the public comment period!

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