保障就职于食品供应行业加拿大民众与工作人士的安全

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今天,加拿大联邦政府宣布投资五千万加元,帮助农业与渔业从业人士、以及全部食品生产加工雇主,采取所有必要措施以帮助由外国进入的全体工作人士进行14天的必要隔离。

保护加拿大民众的健康与安全是联邦政府应对COVID-19危机的明确重大优先事项。因此,加拿大联邦政府正在与省、地区、以及利益相关团体紧密协作,保持加拿大食品供应链的强健。在此次大流行疫情前,加拿大食品行业已经遭到了由显著劳工短缺引发的挑战。同时,预计表明,将会有更多的需要多样化技能工作机会需要被填补。

在加拿大的许多地区,从种植到丰收,临时性外籍劳工对生产一系列高质量食物,并将其以可负担的价格销售起到了关键作用。新鲜水果蔬菜、鱼类、海鲜、以及肉类食品加工工厂,都依赖这些劳工的贡献。

在这些重要的原因之下,加拿大联邦政府允许对临时性外籍劳工,以及其他拥有学生与工作签证的外籍人士提出豁免,允许他们进入加拿大。他们在抵达后,需要进行为期14天的严格隔离措施。关于强制隔离期的规则已经被明确定义,并分发至雇主手中。雇主团体需要致力于保护他们社区以及雇员的健康。政府部门将会继续与雇主、劳工来源国家、以及其他利益相关团体保持积极沟通,及时通报公共卫生要求。不遵守隔离法条或隔离规则将会面临严重的罚款与制裁。在目前的计划下,雇主还可能面临严重的罚款。不执行自我隔离计划的,也可能被从项目当中禁止。

雇主将有责任支付劳工在不能工作的两个星期内的工资。此外, 许多雇主将有责任为劳工提供交通、住宿、以及基本的食物和物品供应, 帮助他们满足公共卫生部门的要求。

在意识到这一责任的重要性下,联邦政府将会通过雇主,或者帮助他们满足要求的团体,为每名临时性外籍劳工提供1500加元的补助。这些条件性资助将会在雇主没有违反14天强制隔离要求或者其他公共卫生要求的情况下发放。这一计划将会在隔离法案实施的过程中一直有效。由于加拿大不同地区的劳工条件不同,联邦政府将会与表达兴趣的省和地区在接下来的几天内协作,确保这些资助能够满足他们的需求,并确保隔离要求能够被满足。

引言

"我想要对为我们提供高质量、并且可负担食物的农业与食品加工工厂从业人员、卡车司机、质量检查人员、超市员工、以及食品银行志愿者们表示感谢。"

农业与农产品部长、玛丽·克劳德·比博阁下

"临时外籍劳工长久以来都是我们食品供应链的关键。我们会与农业从业人员和食品加工雇主合作 并确保他们获得所需的劳工。我们的计划已经准备好帮助他们满足强制隔离要求。"

移民、难民、及公民部长,马可·蒙蒂西罗阁下

"临时外籍劳工在数十年以来一直是加拿大劳动力和食品供应链中不可缺少的一部分。今天的公告将帮助保障加拿大人的健康,并在特殊时期,保障了为了支持我们的经济和保护食品安全的稳定的劳动力供给。想要工作和支持这些行业的加拿大人,将会一直拥有工作机会。"

就业、劳动力发展与残障融合部长、卡拉·夸尔特罗阁下

"鱼和海鲜为加拿大人提供他们依赖的、持续的、与健康的蛋白质来源。我们通过新的资助项目,确保这些产业在保证加拿大人和工人们安全的同时,有能力寻找到需要的劳工。"

渔业、海洋、及加拿大海岸警卫队部长,伯纳黛特·乔丹阁下

事实简要

- 临时性外籍劳工对于加拿大的经济有着重大影响。大约每年有5-6万名外籍农业以及食品与鱼类加工从业者来到加拿大工作。通过临时性外籍劳工计划进入加拿大的劳工当中,有超过60%从事这些行业内的工作。
- 每年尽管农业产业接收了大约6万名外籍劳工,仍有1万5千个职位空缺。
- 出现COVID-19症状的,包括临时外籍劳工在内的旅行者,不会被允许登上来到加拿大的 国际航班。
- 这个支持政策为所有依赖临时国际劳工的食品制造公司提供帮助。其中包括触及农产品和 食物加工以及渔业和水产业。

相关链接(英文)

- 为加拿大农业及农业食品产业提供支持
- 加拿大移民部 临时外国劳工入境加拿大须知
- 加拿大就业与社会发展部 临时外国劳工项目与季节性农业劳工项目
- 新型冠状病毒(COVID-19): 疫情通报

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Keeping Canadians and workers in the food supply chain safe

From: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

News release

April 13, 2020 – Ottawa, Ontario – Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Today, the Government of Canada is announcing \$50 million to help farmers, fish harvesters, and all food production and processing employers, put in place the measures necessary to follow the mandatory 14-day isolation period required of all workers arriving from abroad.

Protecting the health and safety of Canadians is the clear top priority in managing COVID-19, so the Government of Canada is working very closely with provinces, territories and stakeholders to maintain the strength of Canada's food supply chain. Before the pandemic, the food sector was already challenged by significant labour shortages and it is anticipated there will be even more jobs to fill, requiring a variety of skills.

In many regions across Canada, producing a variety of quality foods to be sold at affordable prices relies upon the contributions of experienced temporary foreign workers right from planting season to harvest—particularly for fresh fruits and vegetables. Fish, seafood and meat processing plants are also reliant on the addition of these workers.

This is an important reason why the Government of Canada granted an exemption for temporary foreign workers from travel restrictions to Canada, along with other foreigners with student and work visas, provided they adhere to a strict 14-day isolation protocol upon arrival.

The rules of the mandatory isolation period have been clearly defined and distributed to the employers, who themselves are committed to protecting the health of their communities and their workers. Government authorities will continue to proactively communicate and engage with employers, source countries and other stakeholders on public health requirements. Those who do not comply with the Quarantine Act or the isolation protocol will face severe fines and sanctions. Under proposed changes, employers could also face significant penalties, and a possible ban from the program, if they prevent adherence to the self-isolation order.

In addition to the responsibility of paying the workers for the two weeks during which time they cannot work, many employers are also responsible for providing workers with transportation and accommodations, as well as access to food and basic supplies needed to meet all of the conditions imposed by public health authorities.

Recognizing the importance of this responsibility, the federal government will provide support of \$1,500 for each temporary foreign worker, to employers or those working with them to ensure requirements are fully met. The funding is conditional on employers not being found in violation of the mandatory 14-day isolation protocols or any other public health order. This program will be available as long as the Quarantine Act is in force and the isolation protocol is followed.

As labour circumstances are different across regions in Canada, the Government will work with interested provinces and territories in the coming days to ensure this funding is delivered in a manner that meets their needs and best ensures guarantine requirements are met.

Quotes

"I would like to thank farmers, food processing plant workers, truckers, inspectors, grocers, food bank volunteers and all those who are helping to provide us with quality and affordable food."

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

"Temporary foreign workers have long been key to our food supply. We will work with farmers and food processing employers to ensure they get the workers they need and that plans are in place to meet mandatory isolation requirements."

The Honourable Marco Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

"Temporary foreign workers have been an integral part of the Canadian workforce and food supply chain for decades. Today's announcement will help to protect the health of Canadians, while ensuring a steady labour supply to support our economy and ensure our food security during these extraordinary times. There will always be jobs for Canadians who want to work and support these sectors."

The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion

"Fish and seafood provide a healthy sustainable protein choice that Canadians have always relied on. With this new funding, we're ensuring the sector has the capacity to access the labour force needed while keeping Canadians and workers safe."

The Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Quick facts

- Temporary foreign workers play an important role in the Canadian economy with approximately 50,000 to 60,000 foreign agricultural, food and fish processing workers coming to work in Canada each year, which accounts for more than 60% of all foreign workers entering Canada under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.
- Each year, despite the fact that the agricultural sector receives approximately 60,000 foreign workers, around 15,000 jobs remain vacant.
- No travellers including temporary foreign workers who present with COVID-19 symptoms are allowed to board international flights to Canada.
- This support is available for all food production firms that rely on temporary foreign workers, including primary agriculture and food processing, as well as fisheries and aquaculture.

Associated links

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's support for industry
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Temporary Foreign Workers entering Canada
- Employment and Social Development Canada Accessing the Temporary Foreign Worker Program and the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Outbreak update

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