保障就職于食品供應行業加拿大民衆與工作人士的安全

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今天,加拿大聯邦政府宣布投資五千萬加元,幫助農業與漁業從業人士、以及全部食品生産加工 雇主,采取所有必要措施以幫助由外國進入的全體工作人士進行14天的必要隔離。

保護加拿大民衆的健康與安全是聯邦政府應對COVID-19危機的明確重大優先事項。因此,加拿大聯邦政府正在與省、地區、以及利益相關團體緊密協作,保持加拿大食品供應鏈的強健。在此次大流行疫情前,加拿大食品行業已經遭到了由顯著勞工短缺引發的挑戰。同時,預計表明,將會有更多的需要多樣化技能工作機會需要被填補。

在加拿大的許多地區,從種植到豐收,臨時性外籍勞工對生産一系列高質量食物,並將其以可負擔的價格銷售起到了關鍵作用。新鮮水果蔬菜、魚類、海鮮、以及肉類食品加工工廠,都依賴這些勞工的貢獻。

在這些重要的原因之下,加拿大聯邦政府允許對臨時性外籍勞工,以及其他擁有學生與工作簽證的外籍人士提出豁免,允許他們進入加拿大。他們在抵達後,需要進行爲期14天的嚴格隔離措施。關于強制隔離期的規則已經被明確定義,並分發至雇主手中。雇主團體需要致力于保護他們社區以及雇員的健康。政府部門將會繼續與雇主、勞工來源國家、以及其他利益相關團體保持積極溝通,及時通報公共衛生要求。不遵守隔離法條或隔離規則將會面臨嚴重的罰款與制裁。在目前的計劃下,雇主還可能面臨嚴重的罰款。不執行自我隔離計劃的,也可能被從項目當中禁止。

雇主將有責任支付勞工在不能工作的兩個星期內的工資。此外, 許多雇主將有責任爲勞工提供交通、住宿、以及基本的食物和物品供應, 幫助他們滿足公共衛生部門的要求。

在意識到這一責任的重要性下,聯邦政府將會通過雇主,或者幫助他們滿足要求的團體,爲每名臨時性外籍勞工提供1500加元的補助。這些條件性資助將會在雇主沒有違反14天強制隔離要求或者其他公共衛生要求的情況下發放。這一計劃將會在隔離法案實施的過程中一直有效。由于加拿大不同地區的勞工條件不同,聯邦政府將會與表達興趣的省和地區在接下來的幾天內協作,確保這些資助能夠滿足他們的需求,並確保隔離要求能夠被滿足。

引言

"我想要對爲我們提供高質量、並且可負擔食物的農業與食品加工工廠從業人員、卡車司機、質量檢查人員、超市員工、以及食品銀行志願者們表示感謝。"

農業與農産品部長,瑪麗·克勞德·比博閣下

"臨時外籍勞工長久以來都是我們食品供應鏈的關鍵。我們會與農業從業人員和食品加工雇主合作 並確保他們獲得所需的勞工。我們的計劃已經准備好幫助他們滿足強制隔離要求。"

移民、難民、及公民部長, 馬可·蒙蒂西羅閣下

"臨時外籍勞工在數十年以來一直是加拿大勞動力和食品供應鏈中不可缺少的一部分。今天的公告 將幫助保障加拿大人的健康,並在特殊時期,保障了爲了支持我們的經濟和保護食品安全的穩定 的勞動力供給。想要工作和支持這些行業的加拿大人,將會一直擁有工作機會。"

就業、勞動力發展與殘障融合部長、卡拉·誇爾特羅閣下

"魚和海鮮爲加拿大人提供他們依賴的、持續的、與健康的蛋白質來源。我們通過新的資助項目,確保這些産業在保證加拿大人和工人們安全的同時,有能力尋找到需要的勞工。"

漁業、海洋、及加拿大海岸警衛隊部長、伯納黛特·喬丹閣下

事實簡要

- 臨時性外籍勞工對于加拿大的經濟有著重大影響。大約每年有5-6萬名外籍農業以及食品 與魚類加工從業者來到加拿大工作。通過臨時性外籍勞工計劃進入加拿大的勞工當中,有 超過60%從事這些行業內的工作。
- 每年盡管農業産業接收了大約6萬名外籍勞工,仍有1萬5千個職位空缺。
- 出現COVID-19症狀的,包括臨時外籍勞工在內的旅行者,不會被允許登上來到加拿大的 國際航班。
- 這個支持政策爲所有依賴臨時國際勞工的食品制造公司提供幫助。其中包括觸及農産品和 食物加工以及漁業和水産業。

相關鏈接 (英文)

- 爲加拿大農業及農業食品産業提供支持
- 加拿大移民部 臨時外國勞工入境加拿大須知
- 加拿大就業與社會發展部 臨時外國勞工項目與季節性農業勞工項目
- 新型冠狀病毒(COVID-19): 疫情通報

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Keeping Canadians and workers in the food supply chain safe

From: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

News release

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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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