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### CPMA and NSF Canada to Provide Food Safety Workshops Beginning in March

February 21, 2020 (Ottawa, ON) – CPMA has partnered with NSF Canada, a division of [NSF International](#) and a global leader in the provision of public health and safety risk-based management solutions, to offer Food Safety, Regulatory and Quality Assurance workshops to CPMA members and non-members, beginning in March. The workshops are specifically targeted toward small, and medium-sized local growers, packers and shippers, however all produce supply chain personnel are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The topics covered in the workshops will include food safety principles, an overview of the current regulatory landscape, the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations and an introduction to quality assurance principles.

These engaging workshops will feature interactive exercises, discussions, and opportunities to apply new knowledge gained, including assessing and using the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations, where appropriate, to enhance understanding of produce-specific preventive control plan (PCP) requirements.

The [Safe Food for Canadians Regulations](#) officially came into force for the produce industry January 15, 2020, and CPMA plans to support ongoing member compliance through these workshops. The first workshop will take place in Toronto, Ontario, with support from the [Ontario Produce Marketing Association](#) (OPMA) and the [Ontario Food Terminal](#). Subsequent workshop dates in various cities across Canada are to be announced.

#### **CPMA Food Safety, Regulatory and Quality Assurance Workshop**

**Dates and times:** Day 1 – Tuesday, March 17, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Day 2 – Wednesday, March 18, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Please note: the course takes place over a day and a half

**Location:** Ontario Food Terminal  
165 The Queensway, Etobicoke, ON M8Y 1H8  
Market Garden Room

**Fee:** \$25 (+HST) per person

[Click here to register for this workshop.](#)

The CPMA – NSF Canada Workshops are available to CPMA members and non-member companies. To learn more about CPMA membership, please visit [cpma.ca/membership](http://cpma.ca/membership).

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**About the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA):**

Based in Ottawa, Ontario, CPMA is a not-for-profit organization that represents a diverse membership made up of every segment of the produce industry supply chain who are responsible for 90% of the fresh fruit and vegetable sales in Canada. CPMA is fortunate to represent a sector that is both a significant economic driver for communities and that also improves the health and productivity of Canadians.

**About NSF International / NSF Canada:**

NSF International is an independent, non-governmental organization, dedicated to being the leading global provider of public health and safety risk-based management solutions while serving the interest of all stakeholders. Since 1944, NSF International has evolved its mission to protect food safety at every stage of the food supply chain around the globe.