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We would like to send you a few updates regarding COVID-19 and ask you to share this information in your networks. Please continue to consult the [AAFC website](#) regularly for updates.

**1. Government of Canada launches Food Waste Reduction Challenge**

On November 19, 2020, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, [announced](#) the launch of the first two streams of the Government of Canada's Food Waste Reduction Challenge, part of the Food Policy for Canada.

[Challenge Streams A and B are now open for concept applications](#) with a closing date of January 18, 2021. These streams have up to \$10.8 million available to be awarded to innovators with an innovative way of "doing business" (that is, a new business model) that can prevent or divert food waste at any point from farm to plate.

**2. Extension of the survey of employers of temporary foreign workers in the agricultural sector**

The Government of Canada recently [launched](#) a survey of employers of temporary foreign workers in the agricultural sector to help inform the development of new proposed federal accommodations requirements. We would like to thank all of those who have responded. We understand that this is a busy time of year and to allow more people to participate, we have **extended the response period by two weeks – to December 9.**

The results of this survey will help the Government better understand the variety of accommodations arrangements currently being used to support temporary foreign workers while they are employed in Canada. Thank you in advance for your participation.

**3. New mandatory electronic submission of travel information via ArriveCAN Travellers App**

The Government of Canada recently [announced](#) new electronic information submission requirements for travellers to Canada. Beginning November 21, 2020, all air travellers to Canada will be required to submit information electronically via the ArriveCAN app prior to boarding their flight. This includes providing information on quarantine plans, how an individual can be contacted, travel information and updates on COVID-19 signs and symptoms.

Post-entry, travellers who enter Canada by air, land or marine modes, unless exempted under conditions set out in the Mandatory Isolation Order, will be required to submit mandatory post-border information information through ArriveCAN or by calling the 1-833-641-0343 toll-free number.

The ArriveCAN mobile application is available for free on [Google Play](#) and [Apple App](#) stores and also available as an [online platform](#).

We encourage you strongly to share your comments and questions in writing through the AAFC Roundtable account ([aafc.roundtable-table ronde.aac@canada.ca](mailto:aafc.roundtable-table ronde.aac@canada.ca)).

Thank you,  
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