



# November 2001 DIGEST

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## WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY

Register Sept – Dec 31 Contact Ken

## FOOD SAFETY

### FCPMC/AFP

#### Recall Workshop

Nov 13  
Calgary

Effective Records for HACCP  
January 15 Edm.  
March 7 Calg.

HACCP  
January 22-24  
Calg.  
March 12-14  
Edm.

Recall/Personnel Workshop  
Feb 12/13 Edm.  
March 26/27  
Calg.

### FANCY FOOD SHOW

January 2002

### Cdn Int'l FOOD & Bev. SHOW

Feb. 2002  
Toronto

### Grocery Showcase West

April 2002  
Vancouver

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## AFPA/FCPMC FOOD RECALLS WORKSHOP Nov 13

Learn how to effectively implement a recall strategy:

- Understanding the roles of each member of the supply chain, as well as CFIA
  - Development of systems to facilitate identification & retrieval of product
  - Identification of potential problems through the HACCP approach
  - Drafting & distribution of communications
  - Determination of the disposition of recalled product
- Speakers from CFIA, local manufacturers & retailers will present their experiences in dealing with food recalls. Practical tools will be provided to assist participants to customize their own recall plan. Cost is \$50/participant, which includes a copy of the *Supply Chain Food Product Recall Manual*. Register: [www.fcPMC.com](http://www.fcPMC.com).

## THANKS FCPMC FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP EFFORTS ON MANDATORY GM LABELLING

Bill C-287 failed as a proposed amendment to the Food & Drugs Act requiring mandatory labeling of all foods derived from biotechnology. FCPMC led industry in informing MP's of the potential consequences of the amendment: an unenforceable labelling system as the science doesn't exist to measure the proposed 1% threshold; consumer confusion & fear, since 40% of consumers see mandatory labels as a warning & 55% would be less likely to buy; increased costs & lost markets as Canadian farmers cannot supply GM-free. Instead, MP's demonstrated commitment to our existing regulatory system & the existing CGSB process to develop a standard. Thanks FCPMC!

## WCB PREMIUMS UP 30%: CUT YOUR COSTS!

WCB premiums are increasing an average 30% for 2002. AFPA's Health & Safety Program can assist you in improving your program to cut your WCB premiums, reduce other costs associated with accidents & reduce staff turnover. Contact Ken to register.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT NEXT ISSUE: FEB. 2002

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## UPDATE: NUTRITIONAL LABELLING REGULATIONS

The comment period re Health Canada's proposal closed mid-Sept. Industry issues include: short time frame for implementation, definition of label space & lack of harmonization with U.S. Regulations in Gazette 2 are to appear before March 2002. Once final, AFPA will update members & advise of any services. Contact Jyoti.

## Winter International Fancy Food & Confection Show January 2-22, 2002 San Francisco

Organized by the National Association of Specialty Food Trade. Expected to feature 850 American, 400 foreign exhibitors & attract 25,000 qualified buyers from over 50 countries. [www.fancyfoodshow.com](http://www.fancyfoodshow.com). Contact Arnold.

## WONDERING HOW TO GET YOUR TRAINING MESSAGE ACROSS?

Wonder how to get info. across to workers, so they understand it & change or improve on what they do? Notice a gap between knowing & doing? Are there language, literacy or communication barriers in your workplace? Do you have the training program you need? Does the training you offer stick? Contact AFPA's Workplace Language Training Coaching & Consulting: Janet (AFPA) or Patrece at 780-718-2127.

## LOOKING FOR A SPOKESPERSON?

AFPA has enjoyed working with Seanna Collins as our FEASTival master of ceremonies & host of the former Day by Day TV show for a number of years. Check out ([www.seannacollins.com](http://www.seannacollins.com)) if you are looking for a professional host, spokesperson, face, voice, promoter!

## WELCOME NEW AFPA MEMBERS

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