

Canada Pavilion at Food and Hotel China 2020



When and where is the show taking place?

Food and Hotel China (FHC) 2020 is still proceeding as scheduled November 10-12, 2020 in Shanghai, China. The show will be held at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre (SNIEC).

Will there be a Canada Pavilion?

Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) is currently proceeding with the delivery of a Canada Pavilion at this year's event. Recruitment will be launched in August to new and returning companies. The pavilion will be located in Hall N3.

What are the current travel restrictions and what does this mean for participation at the event?

The Government of Canada travel advisory (updated July 22, 2020) is to avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada. In addition, the following restrictions are currently in place:

- As of March 28, China temporarily suspended entry of all foreign nationals, including international transit passengers. Policies including port visas and visa-free transit are also temporarily suspended. (Visas could be issued under exceptional circumstances, humanitarian grounds or at the discretion of Chinese officials.)
- All international arrivals must quarantine for 14 days. With some exceptions, most international arrivals will be required to quarantine in central locations (i.e. hotels). In addition, Canadians would need to quarantine another 14 days upon return to Canada.
- All international arrivals will be subject to nucleic acid test upon arrival, after 7 days and at the end of their 14 day quarantine. If a traveler tests positive, the traveler would be taken to a Chinese medical facility.

Any planned participation at FHC 2020 should focus on the use of in-market staff, brokers, agents or temporary hires. Although travel restrictions may change, we strongly recommend that all companies considering exhibiting in the pavilion base their decision to participate on conditions as they exist today.

What happens if the show is cancelled? What happens if I change my mind?

In the event the trade show is cancelled by show organizers, AAFC will refund exhibitors their participation fee.

In the event the trade show proceeds and a registered exhibitor decides to withdraw from the event for their own reasons, our standard refund policy will apply: the exhibitor will pay 100% of total booth costs unless a suitable replacement is found, in which case AAFC may consider a full or partial refund.

If travel restrictions are in place preventing exhibitors from entering the country and participating in the event, yet the event is still proceeding, no refund will be provided unless a suitable replacement can be found.

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What about booking travel? Shipping and freight?

It is recommended to delay travel reservations until closer to the show in order to have a better understanding of the restrictions. AAFC has no policy in place to support losses related to travel cancellations.

Exhibitors should allow more lead time for all shipments and are encouraged to use the show's official freight forwarder to mitigate risk.

What are the preventive measures being implemented at the show to reduce risks surrounding Covid-19?

AAFC will implement the following measures within the Canada Pavilion:

- Individual booth sizes will be maximized and internal aisles will be expanded where possible to enable physical distancing;
- Personal safety material such as hand sanitizer will be provided to exhibitors;
- Increased sanitation protocols including regular cleaning of counters and surfaces within the pavilion for the duration of the show; and
- Continued communication with stakeholders including show organizers, stand builder, and local health agencies to stay on top of the latest information and guidance to help us further reduce health risks at the event.

Who do I contact if I have questions about participating in this event?

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