

BC Food Processors Association

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Nutrition Labelling Notice from CFIA -

December 12, 2007 is the deadline for compliance with the *Food and Drug Regulations* regarding nutrition labelling, nutrient content claims and diet-related health claims. After this date, all prepackaged food products sold in Canada must comply with the applicable nutrition labelling requirements. [Canadian Food Inspection Agency Letter](#)

Co-packing Opportunities

We've had several enquiries concerning co-packing opportunities. One is a small processor looking for a small to medium size processor running a bottling line: hot pack in jars. Another is from a community group, Active Communities Westshore in Victoria, which is interested in packing sliced fruit in 30 gram paper or plastic packages. Please contact Donna at BCFPA info@bcfpa.ca for more information on both opportunities.

Human Resources Skills Development Canada

Human Resources Skills Development Canada contacted us to conduct interviews of a variety of occupations for the Essential Skills/Workplace Literacy Initiative. As part of the project, Terry Benjamin will be interviewing **Chemical Technologists and Technicians**, to gather data on how essential skills such as reading, writing, document use, numeracy, thinking skills, oral communication, continuous learning, working with others and computer use are used in the day to day workplace. For further information visit the website at www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/essentialskills. The specific job titles she is looking for are: biochemistry technologist, chemical analyst, chemical laboratory analyst, quality control technician – chemical processing, quality control technician – food processing, handwriting expert – forensics, nuclear magnetic resonance chemical technician, fuel technician, forensic examiner – alcohol and food technologist. There is a \$100.00 honorarium paid to the interviewee. If you are interested contact her at tbenjamin@shaw.ca

BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

BCMAL summer newsletter is now available: [BC Agrifoods Newsletter Summer \(pdf\)](#)

Upcoming Conferences

2007 IFE Americas Food and Beverage Show and Conference - Miami Beach - October 29-31, 2007

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is inviting Canadian companies to exhibit in the Canadian Pavilion at the 10th Annual Americas Food and Beverage Show and Conference which will be held October 29-31, 2007 in Miami Beach, Florida. The Americas Food and Beverage Show provides a great opportunity for companies to interact with retailers and food service buyers from the US and all of the Caribbean, Latin America and South America. Miami serves as the sales and distribution center for food and beverage products transiting to these markets. There will also be

Specialty Pavilions for Organic and Natural Food Products and Alcoholic & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. Please note the web-site brochure www.americasfoodandbeverage.com. We have limited space in the Canadian Pavilion and confirmation will be on a first-come first-served basis. The Invitation Letter and Registration Form are attached. For an invitation letter and registration form e-mail,

News

On August 14, the Honourable Gerry Ritz, MP Battlefords–Lloydminster (Saskatchewan) was appointed Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board replacing Chuck Strahl.

HACCP Training

SGS Canada Inc. Food Safety Services is offering HACCP training September 17-21, 2007 in Surrey (Cloverdale). The \$875 (GST included) cost includes manuals and material, beverages and meals. For more information contact Gerry Gerbasi at 604-986-8024 or gjgassociates@shaw.ca or click here for program [details](#).

BCFPA Activity Update

- Kathleen Gibson, Don Davidson and the MIES/MTAP team are touring meat processors throughout the province to work with them on compliance with the new Ministry of Environment Slaughter and Poultry Processing Industry Waste Code of Practice regulations.
- BCFPA's CEO Tony Toth and the MIES/MTAP team attended a cross agency meeting hosted by the Ministry of Health concerning meat regulations.
- BCFPA's CEO Tony Toth, Board President Robin Smith and Board members Gay Hahn and Stan Rogers attended a meeting with Minister of Agriculture and Agri-foods, Chuck Strahl on August 9. Minister Strahl was most helpful with information to aid in the application for funding of the Food Technology Centre.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Do you have news you would like to share with industry? Call or e-mail Donna and we'll put a notice in the newsletter & on the BCFPA website 1-877-356-1660.