

## Cutting red tape for food trade in Lloydminster

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The Alberta and Saskatchewan governments and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) are partnering to remove barriers to interprovincial food trade in Lloydminster.

As a city split by the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, food trade issues have been a longtime concern. The two-year pilot aims to find a solution that could help Lloydminster and similar border towns throughout Canada.

The pilot, administered by the Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce, will ease the challenges faced by food businesses in both provinces for trade into all of the city of Lloydminster. The goal is for safe food to move into and within the city as if there was no provincial border.

“Lloydminster food businesses have been asking for a solution for their unique issues for years, and this pilot project is an exciting step toward a solution. I look forward to seeing how our efforts to reduce red tape on food trade will make life better in Lloydminster and inspire further reductions to interprovincial trade barriers.”

*Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation*

“One of the Government of Saskatchewan’s priorities is reducing bureaucratic red tape. This pilot program will allow ease of trade into and across the city across the border.”

*David Marit, Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture*

“Farmers and food producers play a critical role in growing food to feed Canadian families and the world while striving to improve their sustainability. Together with provincial colleagues and industry, our government addressed trade obstacles faced by food businesses in the city of Lloydminster. This is another example of how the federal government along with provincial-territorial partners are taking action to improve domestic trade and support economic growth for everyone.”

### Related information

[CFIA Notice of Intent](#)

[Lloydminster Food Trade Pilot](#)

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On Jan. 16, the CFIA published a notice of intent to amend the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations to address Lloydminster's unique situation.

Federal regulations govern interprovincial food trade and commerce in Canada. To trade interprovincially, even within the city of Lloydminster, food businesses must comply with the provisions of the *Safe Food for Canadians Act* and its regulations.

Under the pilot program, these regulations and provisions will still be in effect when food is transported in and out of the province. The pilot's two-year timeline will give time to collect data and inform long-term solutions.

Interested participants will be required to register with the Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce.

The governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Canada agreed that finding a solution to this unique interprovincial trade challenge should be a priority under the upcoming Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership. Ultimately, food businesses will be able to trade safe foods within Lloydminster while operating under provincial oversight.