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Dr. Siddika Mithani  
President  
Canadian Food Inspection Agency  
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Dear Dr. Mithani,

For the past few months, our newly-formed organization has been working to develop tools and guidelines to assist the over 1,000 craft breweries in Canada to meet the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR) traceability requirements by the July 15th implementation date.

Aided by assistance from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), we were making excellent progress toward our goal. Our tools are ready to be published, and we have established a network of supporting individuals across the country ready to provide hands-on assistance to breweries where needed.

However, as a result of the current situation, the majority of craft breweries are now operating with skeleton staff and struggling to keep their businesses alive. I would like to be able to communicate to them that they can pause their traceability implementation efforts and resume them at a point in the future when their human resources levels allow.

Our members remain committed to ultimately meeting the food safety standards that Health Canada has mandated, and our association will resume working with CFIA toward that goal as soon as possible.

We would ask your support in granting our request to postpone the July 15<sup>th</sup> SFCR implementation deadline for craft breweries.

Thank you,

Rick Dalmazzi  
Executive Director  
Canadian Craft Brewers Association