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Subject: FIFA World Cup 2026

Dear Ms. Harker,

I hope this letter finds you well. Over the past few months, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has been working with FIFA Canada to prepare for the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2026 being held across Canada, Mexico and the United States, from June 11-July 19, 2026.

CFIA has also been working with the Canada Border Services Agency to plan for the influx of travellers and goods that will enter Canada. The first FIFA match in Canada will be held in Toronto on June 12, 2026, and as we get closer to the start of the World Cup, we expect to see an increase in importations.

In anticipation of this, we are writing to ask that you communicate with your members that there may be a surge of importations leading up to the World Cup and to prevent any disruptions, or delays, we are suggesting that importers coordinate with their brokers to declare their imports as far in advance as possible. As you know, importers and customs brokers are expected to use the IID channel when declaring CFIA regulated goods to the CBSA up to 90 days in advance of arrival.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Pamela MacDonald
Director General, Food Operations
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