

Agriculture & Agri-food Student Policy Brief Competition

Instructions

Background

Agriculture and Agri-food (AAFC) Canada's Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, PC MP, has asked for a briefing on the impacts that Covid-19 may have had on our agriculture supply chains (farm to fork), and what measures have been put in place and/or could be put in place to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on our supply chains.

Instructions

You have been given the responsibility to write the briefing note for the Minister. The briefing note should not exceed three (3) pages and should be at a level that will help the Minister make an informed decision on whether additional measures should be in place. Additional background information could be annexed if needed (please keep it short) and data may be used to show impacts.

A briefing note consists of several sections which are described in the attached template. Each section of the note has a specific purpose, so read the instructions on the template carefully. Some background documents are listed below to help you get started. You may use these as you see fit to help gather the required information for the various parts of the note. The Background section is used for broader context while the Issue section is used to highlight the particular issue over which the Minister will be making informed decisions. The Considerations section can be used to highlight how the issue at hand may have linkages to other issues and policies across the department in particular and government in general, stakeholder reactions/impacts, economic phenomenon, and other practical considerations. The Recommendation section defends your position on the measures (options) you are proposing or why the current measures in place are sufficient. The Summary Box is best dealt with once you have completed the main body of the briefing note and has to bring out the key messages and recommendation.

Note: No need to include references

Please use attached Briefing Note template and submit to Amy Antonini at amy.antonini@canada.ca by Wednesday January 6, 2020 2 P.M. EST

Background Documents

Here are some background documents; you may also use other sources of information

1. COVID-19 - Information for the agriculture and agri-food industry
[:https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/covid-19-information-for-the-agriculture-and-agri-food-industry/](https://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/covid-19-information-for-the-agriculture-and-agri-food-industry/)
2. [Canada's agri-food sector positions itself for COVID-19 recovery | The Pig Site](#)

3. J.E. Hobbs, Food supply chains during the COVID-19 pandemic, Can. J. Agricult. Econ./Revue canadienne d'agroéconomie (2020), Food supply chains during the COVID-19 pandemic <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/cjag.12237>
4. Comparison of trade 2020 vs 2019 attached