



Extension of Canada's Fumigation Derogation on Pulses to India

The Government of Canada has advised that the Indian Government has extended Canada's fumigation derogation for three months, effective April 1 until June 30, 2017. The short-term exemption means that Canadian pulse exports leaving Canada on or before June 30, 2017, will not require fumigation prior to arrival in India.

Every year since 2004, Canada has re-applied and been granted derogations that allows for shipments of Canadian pulses to be fumigated upon arrival in India instead of in Canada prior to export. One of the reasons for this derogation is that the temperatures in Canada are too low for most of the year for fumigation to be effective.

A science-based risk assessment of India's pest concerns shows that Canada's pulse exports India pose no risk to India's concerns. This suggests that no fumigation is needed, either in India or Canada, on pulse exports originating in Canada.

Pulse Canada is continuing to work with the Government of Canada towards securing a long-term solution with the Government of India to ensure continued market access to one of Saskatchewan's key export markets for pulses.

Growers know the importance of India as Canada's largest market for pulse crops. Canadian exports to India accounted for more than \$1.1 billion and more than 1.9 million tonnes in 2016. Keeping key existing markets open, such as India, is a key part of Saskatchewan Pulse Growers' strategic plan. Growers are highly reliant on just a few export markets with 90 per cent of Canadian yellow peas being exported to just three countries, and 86 per cent of Canadian red lentils being exported to just five countries. This also underscores the importance of undertaking work in areas to build new market demand and alternative use options for Canadian pulses.

We will continue to keep growers informed on any significant developments on this issue.