

Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 9 – Import Grade Requirements

Although the [*Safe Food for Canadians Regulations*](#) (SFCR) came into force on January 15, 2019, certain requirements may apply in 2020 and 2021 based on food commodity, type of activity and business size. For more information, refer to the [SFCR timelines](#).

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Grade Names for Imported Food

1. (1) If an imported food referred to in column 1 of an item of the [Table of Import Grade Names for Imported Food](#) meets the requirements of this Compendium for a Canadian grade name in Column 2 of that item, the import grade name in Column 3 is the grade name of the imported food and the imported food must be labelled with that import grade name rather than with the Canadian grade name referred to in that line in Column 2.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to imported eggs (item 2) or processed fruit or vegetable products (items 34 and 35), if they are graded by a licence holder. These foods must use the Canadian grade name as shown in Column 2 of the [Table of Import Grade Names for Imported Food](#), rather than the import grade name referred to in Column 3.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to maple syrup (item 3) that is imported and that is graded by a licence holder and packaged in Canada, if it is graded in an establishment that is identified in a licence, other than an establishment where maple syrup is prepared directly from maple sap. Such maple syrup must use the Canadian grade name in Column 2 of the [Table of Import Grade Names for Imported Food](#), rather than the import grade name referred to in Column 3.

(4) Subsection (1) applies to imported fresh fruits or vegetables (items 4 to 33) that are packaged or repackaged in Canada after their importation.

Table of Import Grade Names for Imported Food

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name	Import Grade Name
1.	Honey	Canada No. 1	No. 1
		Canada No. 2	No. 2
		Canada No. 3	No. 3
2.	Eggs	CANADA A	Grade A
		CANADA B	Grade B
		CANADA C	Grade C
		CANADA NEST RUN/ CANADA OEUFs TOUT-VENANT	Grade Nest Run
3.	Maple syrup	Canada Grade A	Grade A
		Canada Processing Grade	Processing Grade
4.	Fresh Apples	Canada Extra Fancy	Extra Fancy Grade
		Canada Fancy	Fancy Grade
		Canada Commercial	Commercial Grade
5.	Fresh Apricots	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada Domestic	Domestic Grade

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name	Import Grade Name
		Canada Hailed	Hailed Grade
6.	Fresh Blueberries	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
7.	Fresh Cantaloups	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
8.	Fresh Cherries	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada Domestic	Domestic Grade
		Canada Orchard Run	Orchard Run Grade
9.	Fresh Crabapples	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada Domestic	Domestic Grade
10.	Fresh Cranberries	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada Domestic	Domestic Grade
11.	Fresh Grapes	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada Domestic	Domestic Grade
12.	Fresh Peaches	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name	Import Grade Name
		Canada Domestic	Domestic Grade
13.	Fresh Pears	Canada Extra Fancy	Extra Fancy Grade
		Canada Fancy	Fancy Grade
		Canada Commercial	Commercial Grade
14.	Fresh Plums and Prunes	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada Domestic	Domestic Grade
15.	Fresh Field Rhubarb	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada Domestic	Domestic Grade
16.	Fresh Strawberries	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
17.	Fresh Asparagus	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 1 Slender	No. 1 Slender Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
18.	Fresh Beets	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name	Import Grade Name
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
19.	Fresh Brussels Sprouts	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
20.	Fresh Cabbages	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
21.	Fresh Carrots	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
22.	Fresh Cauliflower	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
23.	Fresh Celery	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 1 Heart	No. 1 Heart Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
24.	Fresh Sweet Corn	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name	Import Grade Name
25.	Fresh Field Cucumbers	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
26.	Fresh Greenhouse Cucumbers	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
		Canada Utility	Utility Grade
27.	Fresh Head Lettuce (Iceberg Type)	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
28.	Fresh Onions	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 1 Pickling	No. 1 Pickling Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
29.	Fresh Parsnips	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
30.	Fresh Potatoes	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name	Import Grade Name
		Canada No. 1 Creamer	No. 1 Creamer Grade
		Canada No. 1 Small Long	No. 1 Small Long Grade
		Canada No. 1 Small Round	No. 1 Small Round Grade
		Canada No. 1 Large	No. 1 Large Grade
		Canada No. 1 Chef	No. 1 Chef Grade
31.	Fresh Rutabagas	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
32.	Fresh Field Tomatoes	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
33.	Fresh Greenhouse Tomatoes	Canada No. 1	No. 1 Grade
		Canada No. 1 Extra Large	No. 1 Extra Large Grade
		Canada Commercial	Commercial Grade
		Canada No. 2	No. 2 Grade
34.	Processed Fruit or Vegetable Product	CANADA FANCY	FANCY GRADE

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name	Import Grade Name
	in a hermetically sealed package	CANADA CHOICE	CHOICE GRADE
		CANADA STANDARD	STANDARD GRADE
35.	Frozen Processed Fruit or Vegetable Product	CANADA A	GRADE A
		CANADA B	GRADE B
		CANADA C	GRADE C
36.	Atlantic Oysters	Fancy Shape	Fancy Shape
		Choice Shape	Choice Shape
		Standard Shape	Standard Shape
		Commercial Shape	Commercial Shape
37.	Pickled Split Herring Class A	Fat	Fat
		Fat tropic	Fat tropic
		No. 4 Fat	No. 4 Fat
38.	Pickled Split	Bright	Bright

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name	Import Grade Name
	Herring Class B	Tropic	Tropic
		No. 4 Tropic	No. 4 Tropic
39.	Pickled Split Herring Class A or Class B	No. 1	No. 1
		Seconds	Seconds
40.	Pickled Headless Split Herring	Headless Split	Headless Split
		Substandard Headless Split	Substandard Headless Split
41.	Pickled Dressed Herring	Dressed	Dressed
		Substandard	Substandard
42.	Pickled herring fillet	No. 1	No. 1
		No. 2	No. 2
43.	Scotch cure pickled herring	Full	Full
		Fillings	Fillings
44.	Pickled Split Turbot	No. 1	No. 1

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name	Import Grade Name
		No. 2	No. 2
45.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickled split spring mackerel • Pickled spring mackerel fillets • Pickled headless or pickled trimmed spring mackerel 	Bright Spring	Bright Spring
		Spring	Spring
		No. 4 Spring	No. 4 Spring
46.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickled split summer mackerel • Pickled summer mackerel fillets • Pickled headless or pickled trimmed summer mackerel 	Choice	Choice
		Summer	Summer
		Dark Summer	Dark Summer
		No. 4 Summer	No. 4 Summer
47.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickled split fall mackerel • Pickled fall mackerel fillets • Pickled headless or pickled trimmed fall 	Choice Fall	Choice Fall
		Fall	Fall
		Dark Fall	Dark Fall
		No. 4 Fall	No. 4 Fall

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name	Import Grade Name
	mackerel		
48.	Pickled split Arctic char	Choice Red	Choice Red
		Choice Pink	Choice Pink
		Prime Mixed	Prime Mixed
		Commercial	Commercial
49.	Pickled split Atlantic salmon	Choice	Choice
		Prime	Prime
		Commercial	Commercial
50.	Bloaters	Choice	Choice
		Standard	Standard
51.	Bloater fillet	Choice	Choice
		Standard	Standard
52.	Prepackaged Frozen gutted Pacific Salmon	Grade A	Grade A
		Standard	Standard
		Utility	Utility
53.	Poultry carcass	CANADA A	GRADE A
		CANADA C	GRADE C
		CANADA UTILITY UTILITÉ	GRADE UTILITY UTILITÉ

Grade Designations for Imported Food

2. (1) If a food referred to in Column 1 of an item of the [Table of Imported Foods without import grade names](#) meets the requirements of this Compendium for a Canadian grade name in Column 2 of that item, and the food is imported from a foreign state that has a grade designation having

requirements that are substantially equivalent to those requirements, the imported food must be labelled with that foreign grade designation rather than with the Canadian grade name.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to imported foods listed in items 1 and 2 of the [Table of Imported Foods without import grade names](#) if they are graded by a licence holder. These foods must use the Canadian grade name as shown in Column 2, rather than the foreign grade designation.

Table of Imported Foods without import grade names

	Column 1	Column 2
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Butter • Calorie-reduced butter • Dairy spread • Light butter or Lite butter • Whey butter • Cheddar cheese 	CANADA 1
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skim milk powder • Partly skimmed milk in powder form • Whole milk powder • Buttermilk powder • Whey powder • Acid-type whey powder • A combination of skim milk powder and whey powder • Edible casein • Edible caseinates 	CANADA 1 CANADA 2
3.	Beef carcass or a complete side, hind quarter, front quarter, primal cut or sub-primal cut	CANADA A CANADA AA CANADA AAA CANADA PRIME CANADA B1 CANADA B2 CANADA B3 CANADA B4

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	Column 1	Column 2
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name
		CANADA D1
		CANADA D2
		CANADA D3
		CANADA D4
		CANADA E
4.	Veal carcass	CANADA A1
		CANADA A2
		CANADA A3
		CANADA A4
		CANADA B1
		CANADA B2
		CANADA B3
		CANADA B4
		CANADA C1
		CANADA C2
5.	Ovine carcass	CANADA AAA
		CANADA C1
		CANADA C2
		CANADA D1
		CANADA D4
6.	Bison carcass	CANADA A1
		CANADA A2

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	Column 1	Column 2
Item	Food	Canadian Grade Name
		CANADA A3
		CANADA A4
		CANADA B1
		CANADA B2
		CANADA B3
		CANADA D1
		CANADA D2
		CANADA D3