

Public Health Agency of Canada

Theme	Recommendation	Status	Grade
Leadership	23. The Public Health Agency of Canada, with the support of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Health Canada, should assume the leading role in coordinating the federal government's response to a national foodborne emergency.		
	28. In the event of a national foodborne emergency, an incident command structure should be activated under the leadership of the Public Health Agency of Canada with the direct participation of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Health Canada.		
	37. The Public Health Agency of Canada should assume the lead role (non-ministerial) in communicating to the public for a national foodborne emergency.		
Recall Policy	29. Health Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Public Health Agency of Canada should review, update and publish the criteria for proceeding with a food recall to ensure that the weight of evidence takes into account epidemiological information, including suspected illnesses and deaths, geographic distribution, and food sample test results whether packages are opened or unopened.		
Profile	38. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Public Health Agency of Canada should enhance their public profile to increase awareness of their mandates.		
Governance	52. As soon as possible, the Public Health Agency of Canada, supported by independent experts, should initiate a comprehensive review of its structure and operational procedures with the objective of ensuring a more responsive and flexible organization to support national readiness for public health threats.		