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Regulations Amending the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (City of Lloydminster)

LLOYDMINSTER, ALBERTA/SASKATCHEWAN – The Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce that the Government of Canada has amended the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations, making it easier for Lloydminster businesses to trade across provincial borders. This groundbreaking initiative marks a significant milestone for our community, allowing seamless food trade across the provincial border within Lloydminster.

Why This Matters:

- **Economic Growth:** By removing previous regulatory burdens, local businesses can now thrive in a more competitive environment. The new regulations exempt food commodities traded within Lloydminster from interprovincial trade requirements, aligning with the Lloydminster Charter.
- **Community Impact:** This enhances Lloydminster's unique position as a city bridging Alberta and Saskatchewan, fostering stronger community ties. It reduces administrative burdens on local businesses and facilitates local trade, economic growth, and competitiveness.

Quote

“The approval of the Lloydminster Food Trade Pilot is not just a regulatory change; it's an opportunity for our local businesses to thrive and innovate. By addressing the unique trade barriers in Lloydminster, we're paving the way for a more prosperous and interconnected community. Our unique position as a city bridging two provinces has been strengthened by this amendment, allowing seamless trade and economic growth. The Chamber is dedicated to supporting our members through this transition, providing the tools and resources needed to succeed under the new regulations.”

Donna Schellenberg
President
Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce

Key Features of the Lloydminster Food Trade Pilot:

Regulatory Alignment:

- Exempts food businesses in Lloydminster from federal interprovincial trade requirements, allowing seamless trade within city limits.

Economic Growth:

- Facilitates local trade and competitiveness, boosting economic growth for food businesses in both Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Simplified Operations:

- Reduces red tape and administrative burdens, making it easier for businesses to operate across the provincial border within Lloydminster.

Maintained Food Safety Standards:

- Ensures that Canada's high standards for food safety remain intact while improving trade conditions.

Government Collaboration:

- Developed through collaboration between the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and local leaders.

Support for Local Businesses:

- Provides resources and guidance to help businesses navigate the new trade environment effectively.

Focus on Local Trade:

- Specifically designed to address the unique trade barriers faced by Lloydminster, enhancing the city's position as a cross-border trade hub.

Positive Business Impact:

- A recent survey indicates that 9 out of 10 food businesses in Lloydminster would benefit from the amended regulations.

A New Era for Lloydminster's Food Industry

The approval of the Lloydminster Food Trade Pilot is a thrilling development for our community. This initiative opens new opportunities for local businesses by enabling seamless food trade across provincial borders. It not only strengthens our local economy but also showcases Lloydminster as a leader in innovative trade solutions. This pilot project is set to transform the way food businesses operate, offering increased competitiveness and fostering a vibrant culinary scene.

Empowering Local Businesses and Strengthening Community Ties

The primary purpose of the Lloydminster Food Trade is to eliminate regulatory barriers that have previously hindered cross-border trade. By aligning regulations within Lloydminster, the pilot aims to create a more efficient and supportive environment for local food businesses. This initiative is designed to boost economic growth, enhance community relationships, and position Lloydminster as a hub of culinary excellence.

Streamlining Trade Across Borders

The Lloydminster Food Trade simplifies the regulatory landscape by exempting food commodities traded within Lloydminster from interprovincial trade requirements. This means businesses can operate with greater ease and efficiency, focusing on growth and innovation. The Chamber, along with provincial governments, provides resources and support to help businesses navigate this new trade environment, ensuring a smooth transition and maximizing the benefits of the program.

Acknowledgements

We are immensely grateful to the numerous organizations and individuals who have worked tirelessly to bring the Lloydminster Food Trade Pilot to fruition. Their dedication and collaboration were key in navigating the complex approval process, ensuring that this initiative could become a reality. Their efforts have laid the groundwork for a seamless integration of food business and commerce within our unique cross-border city. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this will have on our local economy and the vibrant culinary scene in Lloydminster.

To learn more about the approval, please go to: <https://www.canada.ca/en/food-inspection-agency/news/2024/11/the-government-of-canada-amends-the-safe-food-for-canadians-regulations-to-improve-domestic-trade-for-the-city-of-lloydminster.html>

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