

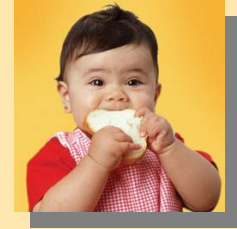
Federal - Provincial - Territorial
**On-Farm Food Safety Recognition
Program**

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OFFSRP



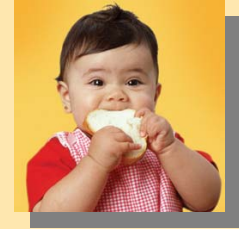
- Context / background
- Industry-led “Canadian approach”
- Recognition process
- OFFSP management system
- Progress report / next steps

The Food Safety Issue



- Rising consumer expectations
- 2,000,000 annual cases of foodborne illness in Canada
- Cost: \$1 billion
- New threats to food safety
- New barriers to international trade

What's being done?



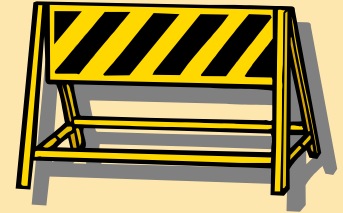
- National food safety systems throughout the agri-food continuum
- From “field to fork” or “gate to plate”
- Governments and industry working together to meet shared goals

The “Canadian Approach”



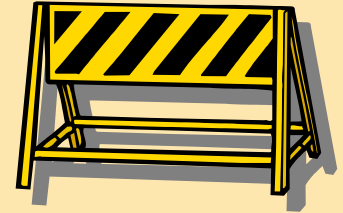
- OFFS programs in development since 1990s
- ***COFFS Program*** (1997) - producer-led, industry/government partnership
- Funding through ***Food Safety and Quality Division*** (AAFC)
- Currently **19** commodity-specific OFFS programs in various stages of development

HACCP



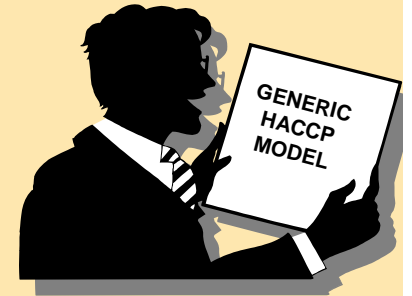
- OFFS programs based on HACCP principles
- Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point
- Science-based set of principles and controls for preventing hazards that cause foodborne illnesses

HACCP

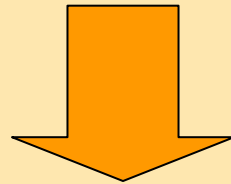


- **HAZARD:**
a biological, chemical, or physical agent in, or condition of food, having the potential to cause an adverse health effect.
- **CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (CCP):**
a step at which control can be applied and is essential to prevent or eliminate a food safety hazard - or reduce it to an acceptable level.

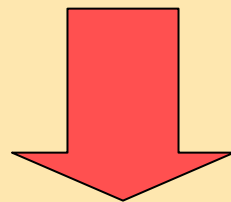
Hazard Analysis



Identification and description of dangerous agent



Decision making and documentation of controls

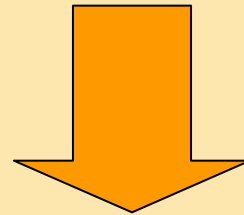


GENERIC HACCP MODEL

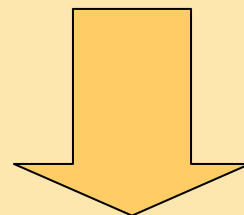
HACCP Documentation



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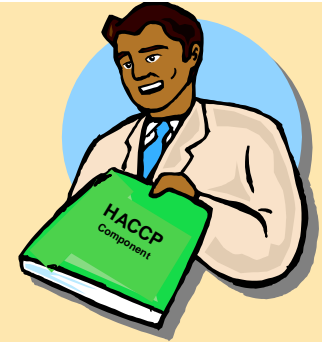


GOOD PRODUCTION PRACTICES (GPPs)



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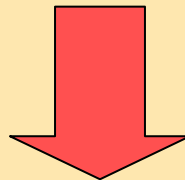
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GENERIC HACCP MODEL



HACCP-BASED DOCUMENTATION
of On-Farm Food Safety Program

OFFS Program Management System



1. **General Management Component**

- *overall, ongoing system maintenance*

2. **Technical Component**

- *On-Farm Food Safety Program documentation*

3. **Conformance Component**

- *to assess producer compliance*

4. **Auditor-Training Component**

- *delivery of auditor training courses*

Government Recognition



- June 2001 - CFIA identified to lead recognition process
- Provincial and territorial participation
- OFFS programs voluntarily developed by Canada's national producer organizations (NPOs)

What's involved?



- Multi-party examination and assessment of four component systems
- Review teams include federal, provincial and territorial specialists
- Three-stage process
- Receipt of *Letter of Recognition*
- Post-recognition ongoing monitoring

What is being examined?



- 1: Technically sound and adheres to HACCP principles
- 2: Complies with federal, provincial, territorial regulatory requirements
- 3: Management and delivery is effectively documented, maintained and improved

Three-Stage Process

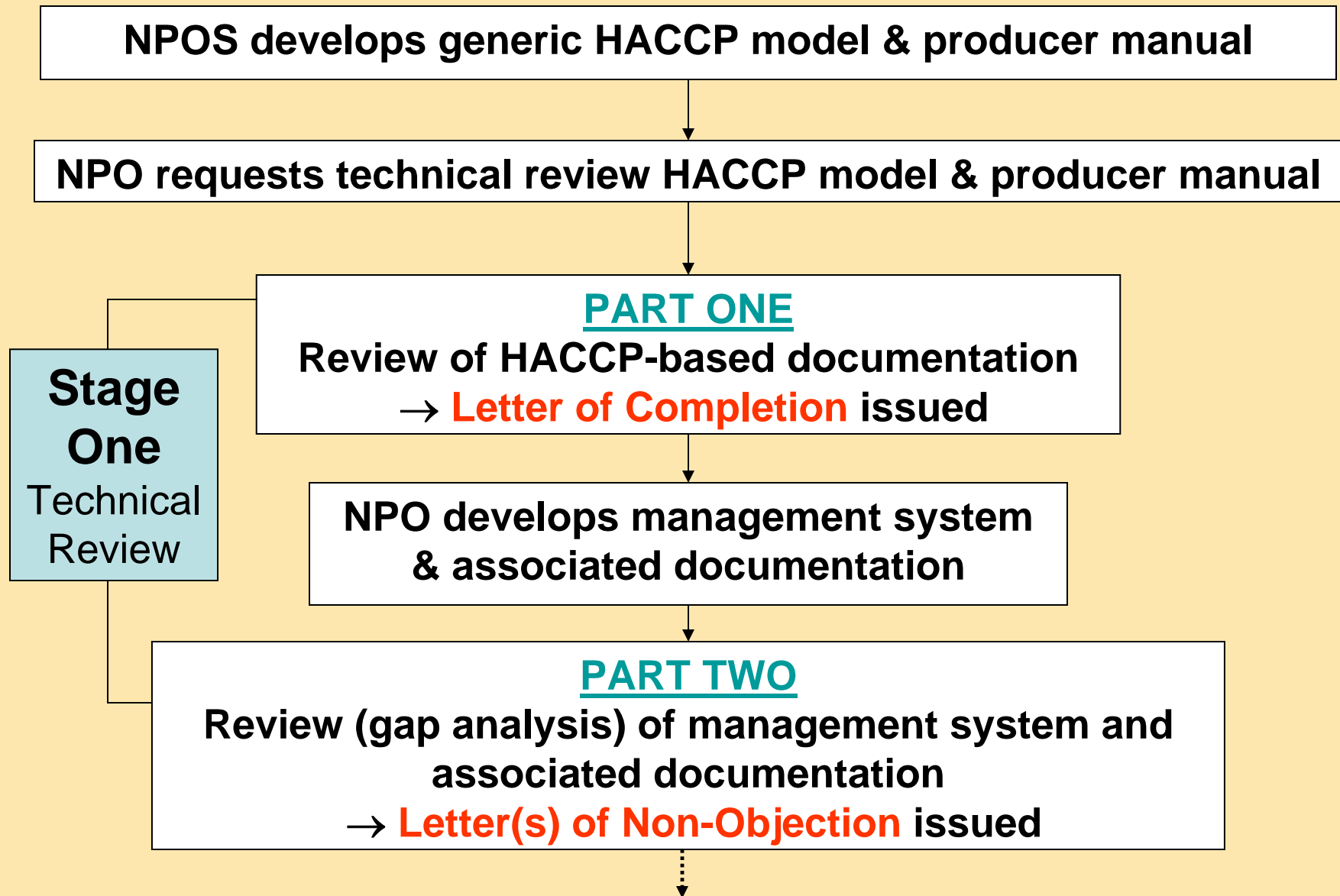


Stage 1: Technical Review (Part 1 & 2)
(CFIA-led with P/T participation)

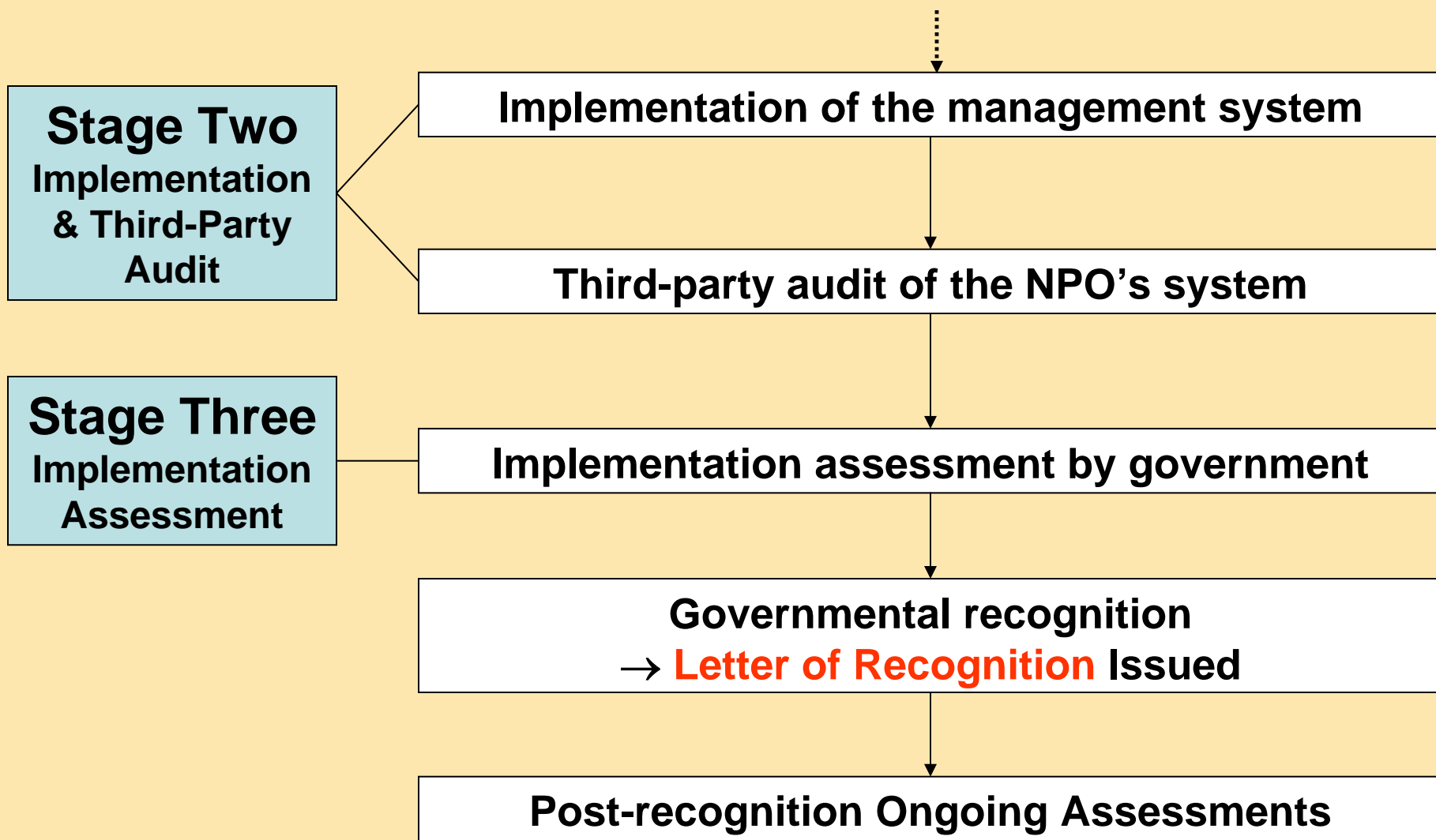
**Stage 2: Implementation &
Third-Party Audit**
(Led by national producer organization)

**Stage 3: Implementation
Assessment**
(CFIA-led with P/T participation)

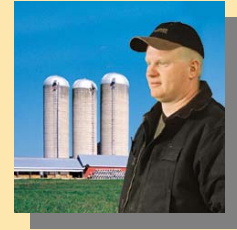
Recognition Process Flow Chart



Recognition Process Flow Chart (cont.)

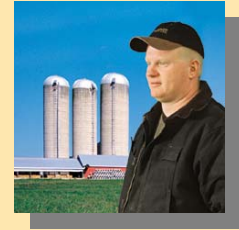


Post-recognition Ongoing Monitoring



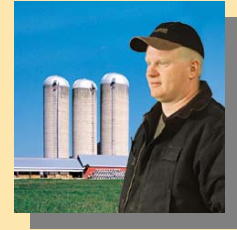
- Ongoing and “Triggered” assessments
- Is OFFS system effectively managed?
- Is OFFS program maintaining technical soundness?

Progress Report



- **19** - NPOs intend to submit OFFS programs for recognition
- **14** - formal requests for recognition
- **12** - OFFS programs presently in (or preparing for) technical review – part one
- **8** - OFFS programs have completed technical review – part one

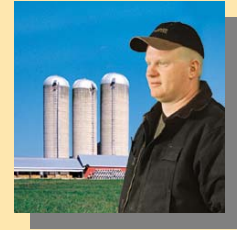
Progress Report



Stage One – Part One complete for:

- Chicken Farmers of Canada (July '02)
- Dairy Farmers of Canada (Dec. '03)
- Canadian Egg Marketing Agency (Feb. '04)
- Canadian Pork Council (July '04)

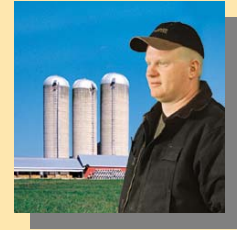
Progress Report



Stage One – Part One complete for:

- Canadian Cattlemens Association (Nov 04)
- Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency (Nov 04)
- Animal Nutrition Association of Canada (04)
- Canadian Sheep Federation (July 05)

Progress Report



Stage One ongoing for:

- Canadian Grains Council
- Canadian Horticulture Council (potato)
- Canadian Bison Association
- Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency

Progress Report

- Dairy Farmers of Canada submitted request to participate in the Management System Pilot
- 7 week process
- Face to Face scheduled for the end of January '06
- Management review
- Continue Management System review

Questions?

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