

From: F. Charles Waud November 2, 2017

4-Day Volunteer Project with the Canadian Association of Importers and Exporters

One of the partners on our project in the Caribbean, Keith Mussar is looking for a fruit and vegetable importer to work with on a special project. Please see his overview below. If you are interested in participating, please <u>let me know</u> and I will introduce you.



Message from Keith Mussar: "I am looking to identify 2-3 importers of fresh fruits and vegetables that would be willing to volunteer 4 days of their time between November and March 2018 to work on a project with one of my clients (Canadian Association of Importers and Exporters).

The first meeting of this group is scheduled for Monday,

November 13 and Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

The project is to map (sequence the steps, ownership of the goods, possession of the goods) the import supply chain for 6 product categories, one of which is fresh fruits and vegetables. This is the first part of a larger initiative which, when completed, will provide food importers with tools and an audit verification system, that will be recognized by CFIA, showing that the importers comply with the food safety requirements of the new Safe Food for Canadians Regulations.

While Canada Gap offers this for domestically produced fresh fruits and vegetables, it is our understanding that imported fresh fruits and vegetables are outside of the scope of Canada Gap, unless a food safety system has been including within Canada Gap specifically for fresh fruits and vegetable gown in the foreign country.

Prior to a commitment, I would be pleased to discuss the merits of the project, the time commitment and benefits of participation."

Please contact me at fcwaud@waudware.com if you are interested in participating in this worthwhile project. Thank you!

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