



Canadian Food
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Our vision:

To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

Our mission:

Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

An Overview on the Progress of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) Containment Standards for Animal and Aquatic Animal Pathogens

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Outline

- Overview of the OBCS
- Background and Status of the Containment Standard for Aquatic Animal Pathogens
- Background and Status of the Containment Standard for Animal Pathogens
- Containment Standard for Prion Disease Agents
2nd edition update
- Contact and Resource Information

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National Laboratory Operations



OFFICE OF BIOHAZARD CONTAINMENT AND SAFETY (OBCS)

Biosafety

*Biocontainment
& Certification*

*Animal Pathogen
Importation*

*Standards and
Guidelines*

*Biosafety
Services*

Laboratory Safety

Laboratory Safety

Radiation Safety

TDG



Containment Standards for Facilities Handling Aquatic Animal Pathogens

- Development process initiated with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- *Health of Animals Act and regulations* give CFIA legislative authority to control the import of pathogens that may cause disease in animals
- The CFIA Aquatic Animal Health Division (AAHD) was established in 2005 as part of the NAAHP initiative
- CFIA (OBCS, AAHD and VBS) working together to develop the current draft

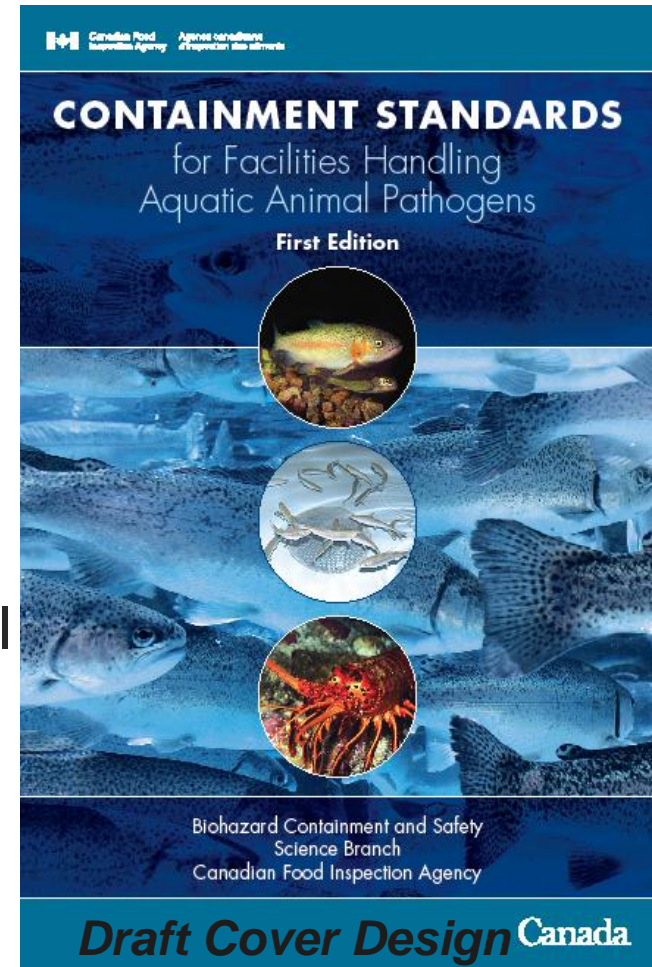


Scope

- Applies to all facilities that import aquatic animal pathogens, aquatic animal by-products, or other organisms that may carry an aquatic animal pathogen
- Outlines the minimum physical and operational requirements for the facilities above
- Provides general guidance on design and operating requirements for any aquatic animal containment facility

Status

- Draft sent for final expert review
- Post for public comment
- Cross Canada talks, conference calls and info bulletins during that time
- Comments will be addressed, final changes made and the standard will be posted, printed and distributed
- Standards will come into effect mid to late 2010



Containment Standards for Facilities Handling Animal Pathogens

- *Containment Standards for Veterinary Facilities* (CSVF a.k.a. 'The Red Book') first edition 1996
- Discussions initiated as far back as 2001, worked on in 2004 and 2007
- Public health Agency of Canada (PHAC) released the 3rd Edition of the Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines (LBG) in 2004
- The CSVF and LBG are currently more consistent
- CSVF needs to be updated

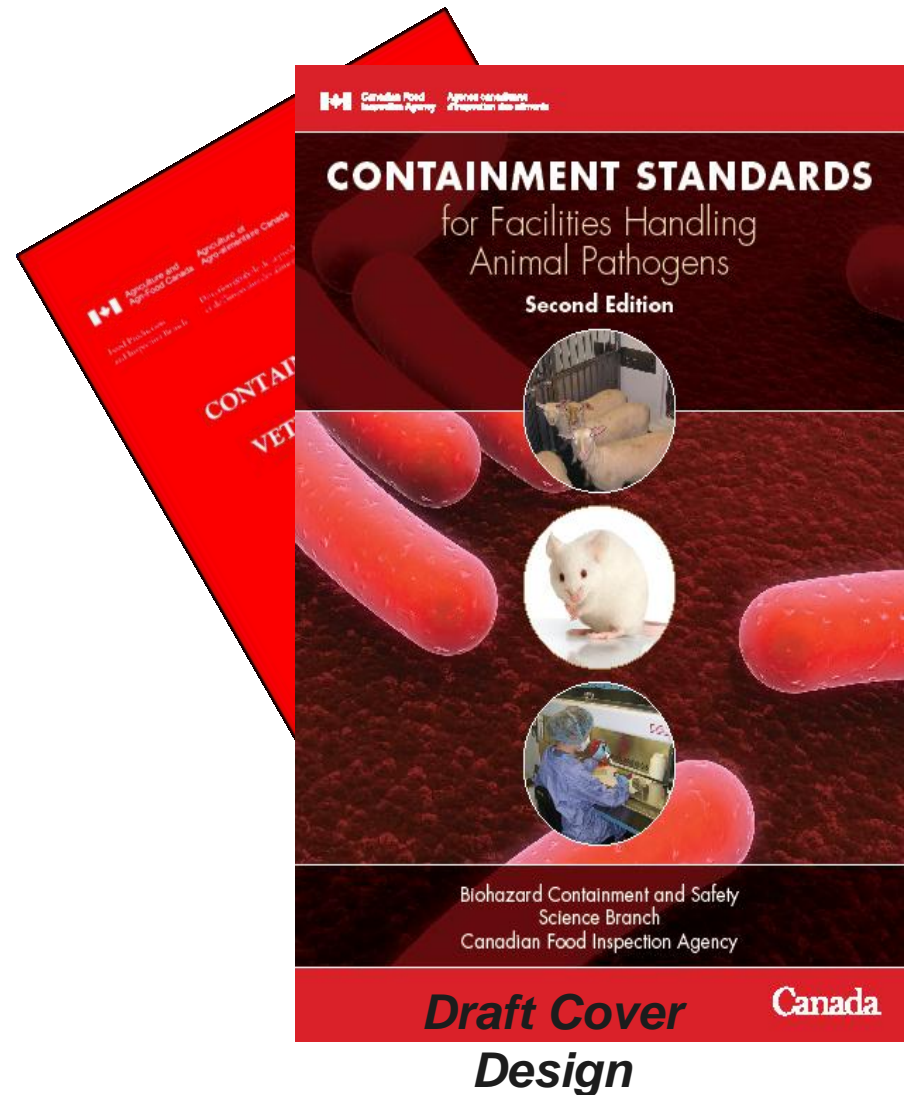
Scope

Health of Animals Act:

- Importation of animal pathogens
 - for all facilities receiving pathogens imported under a CFIA permit
 - transfer
 - power of inspecting, seizing and quarantine
- Working with reportable or notifiable diseases
 - 32 reportable listed
 - 41 immediately notifiable
 - 66 annually notifiable
 - standards apply, regardless of existence of permit

Status

- Fall/Winter 2009 re-ignite working group
- Update content
- Updating draft to same look and feel of the plant/aquatic stds
- Printed and distributed in the next year to year and a half

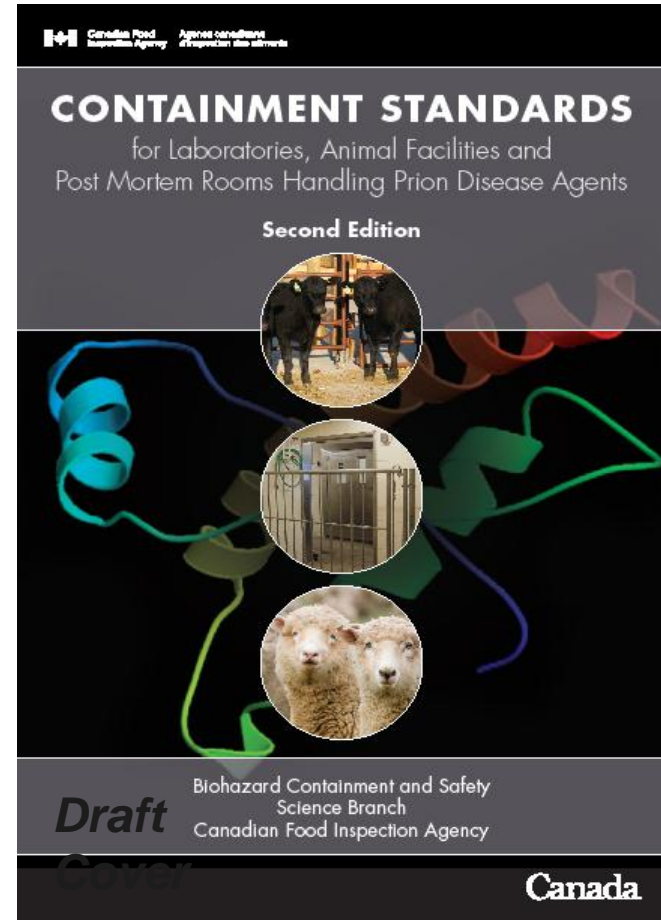


Containment Standards for Facilities handling Prion Disease Agents

- *Containment Standards for Laboratories, Animal Facilities and Post Mortem Rooms Handling Prion Disease Agents* 1st edition posted on web July 2005
- Never printed in hard copy
- New edition is required to reflect current technologies and changes since 2005

Status

- 1st Edition available on web
- Initiate updates and request input from experts
- Update content
- Update draft to same look and feel of the plant/ aquatic stds
- Print and distribute in next 2 years



Contact Information and Resources

OBCS website:

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