



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.

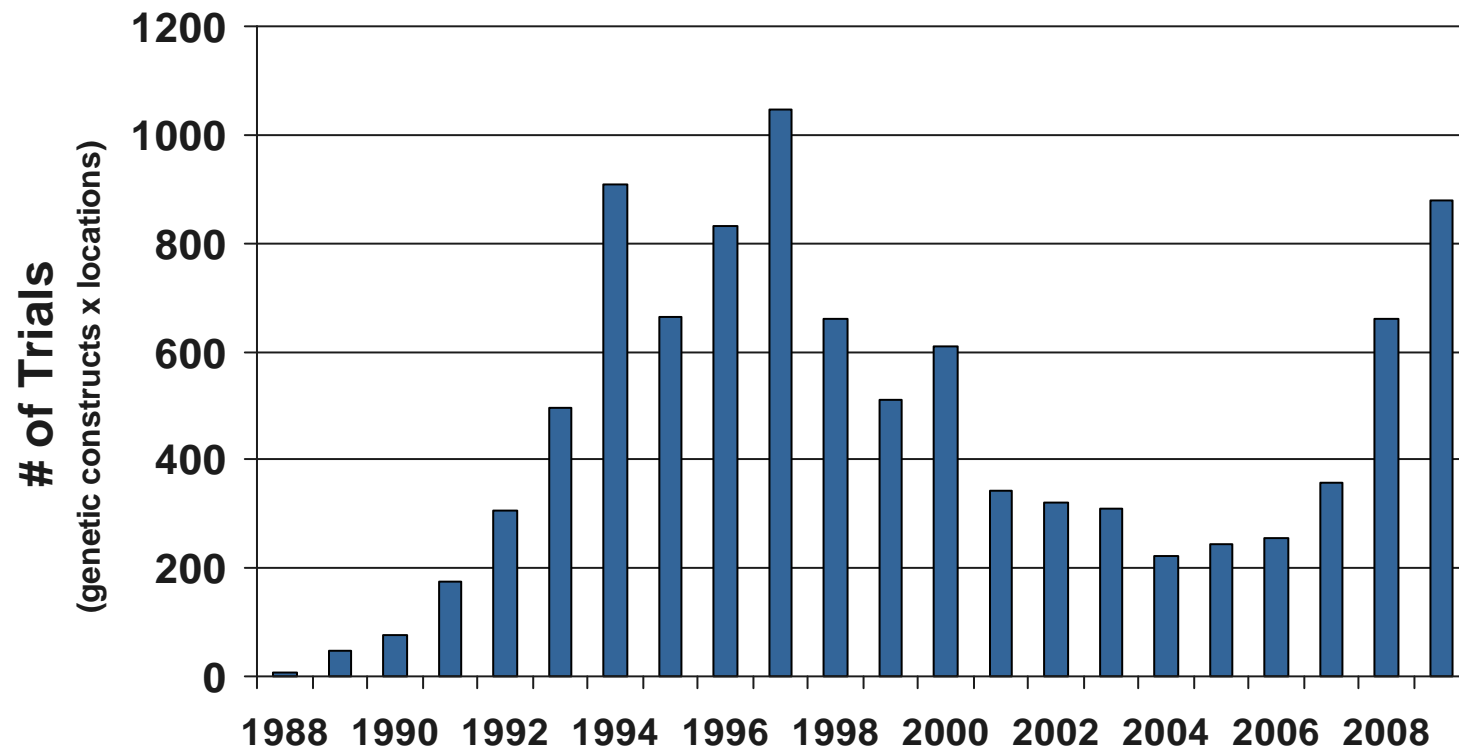
Plant Biotechnology CFIA Regulatory Update

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***Canola Industry Meeting,
December 9, 2009***

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Confined Field Trials (total applied for)



PBO Novelty Guidance Document

- Additional Guidance Required on determining which plants trigger Part V of the *Seeds Regulations*
- Working group formed to revise draft
- Presented to National Forum on Seed in February, 2009
- Email consultation in Summer, 2009
- http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/bio/dir/di_r0909e.shtml

Update of D96-13 – Import of PNTs into Canada

- D96-13 describes the requirements for the import into Canada of all PNTs and viable products derived from them, such as fruit, tubers and grain.
- Recently updated to:
 - Improve clarity and organization
 - Clarify differences between biotech and other phytosanitary requirements
 - Clarify requirements for GM cut flowers
- Importer review completed in September.
- Publication of updated directive in December 2009.

Publication of AP Fact Sheet

April 2009

An unauthorized product in Canada is one which triggers a requirement for a food, livestock feed or environmental safety assessment but has not received all relevant approvals from Canadian regulatory agencies.

Under Canadian legislation, the presence of unauthorized products outside of containment (e.g. in the marketplace or environment) constitutes regulatory non-compliance.

Other Upcoming Work for PBO:

- Transparency of decisions for stacked products
- Stewardship conditions for HT crops
 - **A scientific technical workshop is tentatively planned for 2010 to review the status of herbicide tolerance stewardship in Canada**
- Clarification of *Seeds Regulations* Part V regulatory trigger for rDNA plants

Activities of the Plant and Biotechnology Risk Assessment Unit

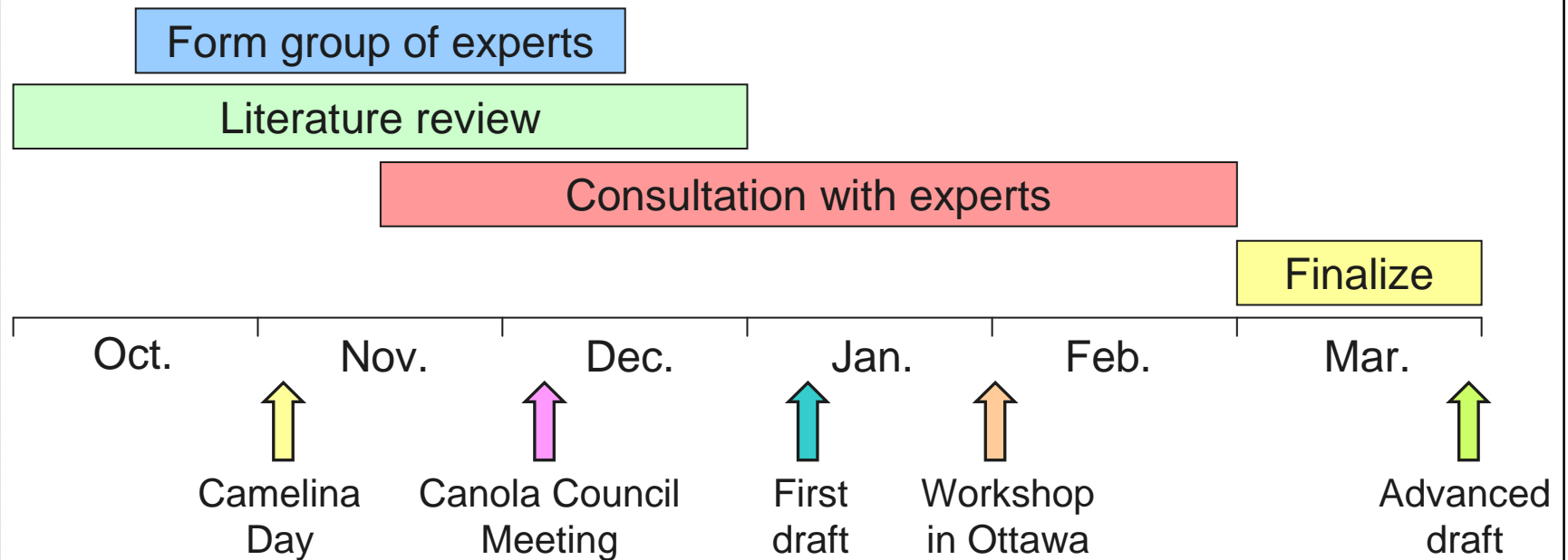
Science Symposium – February 2010

- Integrating foresight and emerging techniques into timely science advice

Camelina Biology Document

- Part of the Industrial Oil Seed Network (IOSN) funded by the Agricultural Bioproducts Innovation Program (ABIP)
 - Essential for the environmental safety assessment of plants with novel traits (PNTs)
 - Provides baseline information for the plant species of the PNT under review
 - Includes biology, agronomic practices, related species, interactions with other life forms

Camelina – Progress and Timeline



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