



FBC-ABC Members:

Sponsorship opportunities available – FBC-ABC’s 2024 Policy Breakfast – Achieving Agri-Food Workforce Stability by 2030: The Role of Automation and Technology

FBC-ABC **invites** its members to our 2024 Policy Breakfast – Achieving Agri-Food Workforce Stability by 2030: The Role of Automation and Technology – held in partnership with the Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council (CAHRC) and in conjunction with **The Future of Food Conference**. This event is taking place in Ottawa the morning of February 13, 2024. If you are interested in sponsoring our signature event, please reach out to Kristina Farrell. This event is made possible with the support of our sponsor, Farm Credit Canada.

Update on Bill S-211, An Act to enact the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act

The Supply Chains Act comes into force on January 1, 2024. Further details about the reporting process and guidance for reporting entities is now **available**. The deadline for submitting a report is May 31, 2024. Public Safety Canada is holding an **information session** on the reporting process for the Act on January 11, from 1:00pm – 2:00pm. FBC-ABC will be in attendance, and is happy to share a summary with interested members who cannot attend.

FBC-ABC’s CEO appears on the Food Professor Podcast

FBC-ABC's CEO, Kristina Farrell recently appeared on Dr. Sylvain Charlebois' [The Food Professor Podcast](#). During her appearance, she chatted about her goals for the organization and ambitions for the industry, as well as the support Canada's food and beverage manufacturing sector needs to thrive.

Launch of Phase 2 of the Recognized Employer Pilot under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program

Starting January 8, 2024, employers will be able to [submit](#) applications for positions on Service Canada's Phase 2 REP occupations list. The deadline to submit applications to become a recognized employer is September 16, 2024, however recognized employers will continue to have access to simplified applications for the 84 designated occupations until the end of the pilot on December 31, 2026.

The Government of Canada seeking feedback on developing a federal plastics registry to help tackle plastic pollution

On December 30, 2023, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change launched a consultation on the creation of the Federal Plastics Registry, which would require producers to report annually on the quantity and types of plastic they place on the Canadian market, how that plastic moves through the economy, and how it is managed at end of life. The consultation is open until February 13, 2024. FBC-ABC will be providing a submission and asks that any input be e-mailed to [Kristina Farrell](#).

FBC-ABC Members Monthly Political Round-up Call-in – Tuesday, January 30, 2024

As a new benefit to members, FBC-ABC will be hosting a monthly political round-up call-in. This will serve as an opportunity for members and their staff to call in, receive an update on what's happening in Ottawa, and ask FBC-ABC's CEO any questions they may have on federal policy and advocacy. The next call will take place on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 from 1:00pm – 2:00pm EST. If you have not received a calendar invitation and are interested in attending, please e-mail [Kristina Farrell](#). We invite you to share this invite with your interested colleagues.
