



FBC-ABC Members:

Minister Champagne meets with international and Canadian food and beverage manufacturers

This week, the Honourable Francois-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry alongside the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food met with [major international food and beverage manufacturers](#) (Monday) as well as Canadian companies (Tuesday), including members of Food and Beverage Canada. Conversations focused on the importance of the Grocery Code of Conduct, and in manufacturers working in parallel with retailers to support new strategies to address grocery prices in Canada. The department did not issue a release following the Tuesday meeting.

Canada announces first-ever category-based selection invitations for newcomers with work experience in agriculture and agri-food

On September 27, the government [announced](#) that the first round of invitations for agriculture and agri-food occupations through category-based selection in Express Entry will occur this week. This includes 2021 NOC code 63201 – Butchers – retail and wholesale. These category-based selection rounds will continue throughout the year, alongside general and program-specific invitation rounds.

Minister Boissonnault appearance before the Senate Social Affairs Committee on Canada's Temporary and Migrant Labour Force

On September 28, the Honourable Randy Boissonnault, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages [appeared](#)

before the Senate Social Affairs, Science and Technology Committee as part of its study on Canada's Temporary and Migrant Labour Force. If you are interested in receiving a summary of the debate, please contact [Kristina Farrell](#).

Prime Minister announces changes to Cabinet committees

On September 27, the Prime Minister [announced](#) changes to Cabinet committees and the appointment of members to the Treasury Board. As part of the changes, a Ministerial Working Group on the Middle Class, Economy and Housing has been established. The Prime Minister has not yet released updated cabinet mandate letters.