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Via email

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Retail Council of Canada Supports the Elimination of Tariffs on Food Processing Inputs – Addendum

Further to our letter dated June 21, 2016, the Retail Council of Canada (RCC) urges for the *immediate* elimination on the over 200 agri-food processing inputs that was published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I on April 23, 2016.

We understand that this process can be finalized relatively quickly by Order-in-Council, and urge the Government to do so in order to improve the competitiveness of the Canadian food processing sector and help reduce the cost of food for Canadian families without delay.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss.

Sincerely,

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About RCC

Retail is Canada's largest employer with over 2 million Canadians working in our industry. In 2015, the sector generated payroll over \$59 billion and \$340 billion in sales (excluding vehicles and gasoline). RCC members represent more than two-thirds of retail sales in the country. RCC is a not-for-profit industry-funded association and represents small, medium and large retail business in every community across the country. As the Voice of Retail in Canada, we proudly represent more than 45,000 storefronts in all retail formats, including department, grocery, specialty, discount, independent retailers and online merchants.

RCC grocery members represent over 90% of the market in Canada. They provide essential services and are an important source of employment in large and small communities across the country. They have strong private label programs and sell products in every food category.