



Status of Progress in Incorporating the IMSI Standard Grades Proposal into Federal and State/Provincial Maple Grades Regulations in the United States and Canada

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JURISDICTION		STATUS – IMSI STANDARD GRADES PROPOSAL
CANADA		The approved final Maple Grading Amendments and requirements were published in Gazette 2 on December 31 st , 2014. Gazette 2 can be accessed at http://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2014/2014-12-31/html/sor-dors297-eng.php . CFIA registered establishments and maple syrup imports and exports in all provinces are subject to the MPR grading requirements. Maple syrup sold within the different provinces is subject to any applicable provincial regulatory requirement; only Ontario and Quebec currently have provincial-level maple grading regulations in place. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia fall directly under the federal-level regulations. The approved regulations allow for a two year transition period to accommodate the new Canadian maple grading requirement. The new classification and grade standard will be a mandatory at the federal level requirement effective January 1 st ,2017.
PROVINCES	Ontario	Following a sustained and active lobbying effort by the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association (OMSPA) and its membership, the Ontario government re-opening Ontario Maple Regulation 119/11 . In December 2016, the Ontario government announced adoption of the new classification and grade standard and allowed for a two year transition period with adoption of the new rules required by January 2018.
	Quebec	<p>The Quebec Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPAQ) formally announced adoption of the new maple grade and classification standard in July 2016. There was no mention of a transition period .</p> <p>The Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers working cooperatively with the Maple Industry Council (CIE) continue work on aligning the new grading and classification system with the Canadian federal level requirement.. This is separate from maple grading regulations administered by the Quebec government.</p>
UNITED STATES		The USDA adopted the grade standard recommended by the IMSI effective March 2 nd ,2015. . All states which administer their own maple grading regulations have now adopted the new grade standard. These states include Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, New York State, Ohio and Wisconsin. Other maple producing states fall directly under the USDA regulations.
STATES	Vermont	The Vermont Agency of Agriculture and the Vermont Maple Sugarmakers' Association are assisting implementation of the new grading rules that went into effect on January 1 st , 2014. There was a one year grandfather period to use existing grade labeling, and a 3 year period for sales of Vermont syrup within the State of Vermont to use both the old and the new grading systems.. The new North American Grading standard will be required in law in Vermont on January 1 st 2017.
	Maine	The new North American Grade Standard was adopted in Maine in January 2015 ,with a one year transition period with full compliance required by January 1 st 2016.
	New York	The new North American grade standard was required in law in New York State effective January 1 st , 2015. A transition period was not provided for the NYS law.
	Ohio	The new North American grade standard was approved in regulations for the state of Ohio in January 2016.
	New Hampshire	The new North American grade rules were approved on December 16 th , 2014 compliance was required by January 1 st 2016.
	Wisconsin	The new North American Grade Standard was adopted in Wisconsin Maple Regulations effective November 2016. There was no mention of a transition period.