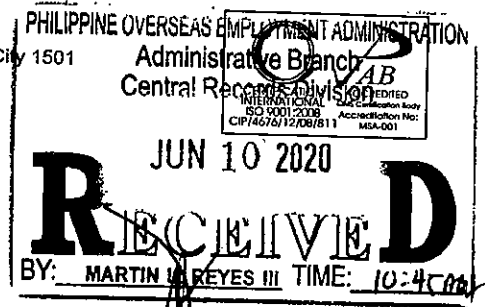




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### Canada's Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship's Agri-Food Pilot Program

Minister Marco E. L. Mendicino of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (IRCC) Canada announced that effective May 15, the IRCC will begin accepting applications to the Agri-Food Pilot Program.

The three-year pilot will test an industry-specific approach to help employers in the meat processing, mushroom and greenhouse production, as well as livestock-raising industries fill on-going labor needs for full-time, year-round employees. The Agri-Food Pilot is envisioned to address the labor needs of the Canadian agri-food sector. It will also provide a pathway to permanent residence for many temporary foreign workers already in Canada. The said Pilot will run until May 2023.

A total of 2,750 applications will be accepted annually throughout the pilot, which applies primarily to people who are already in Canada. Existing travel restrictions continue to apply. The Agri-Food Pilot complements Canada's existing suite of economic immigration programs, which includes the Atlantic Immigration Pilot, the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot, the caregivers' pilots, the Global Skills Strategy, a revitalized Express Entry, and the Provincial Nominee Program.

The following link will provide further information on the said program:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/agri-food-immigration-pilot/about.html>

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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