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**The Canadian Spice
Association (CSA)**

GASPARE COLLETTI, PRESIDENT

CSA Focus

- Represents Majority of brokers, importers, processors, blenders in Canada
- 53 members
- Major issues of 2004-2005:
 - Nutrition labelling (12-05)
 - Foods for further processing
 - Allergen legislation
 - Byrd amendment

U.S. Bioterrorism Regulations

- ❑ Real Roadblock to Canadian spice exports to the US.
- ❑ Samples also being hit (even if sent to a laboratory for testing)
- ❑ Name of original supplier to Canadian company needs to be put on export documents .

Future Issues

- New legislation: Good Importing Practices
 - Voluntary guideline for now
 - CFIA monitored
 - CSA position: apply only to consumer or foodservice packaged products.
- ETO issue - no progress on PMRA's review
- Adulteration of spices
 - sudan red,
 - self regulation

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THANK YOU!

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QUESTIONS

