

**Did you purchase Beef after January 1, 2015? If so, your legal rights could be affected.**

Settlements were reached in class actions alleging that the defendants participated in an unlawful conspiracy regarding the supply and price of Beef. The class actions are undertaken on behalf of all persons in Canada who purchased Beef for resale or personal use, after January 1, 2015, excluding Beef Products and Beef purchased from the food service industry.

“Beef” means the raw portion of cattle carcasses intended for human consumption, not purchased from the food service industry. “Beef Products” means those products not purchased from the food service industry that contain Beef as one ingredient among others, except where all non-Beef ingredients have been introduced through the process of mechanical blade/needle tenderizing, brine injection, massaging, aging, chemical/enzyme tenderizing, vacuum tumbling, marination and/or seasoning.

**THE JBS AND NATIONAL BEEF SETTLEMENTS**

Settlement agreements have been reached with JBS USA Company, Swift Beef Company, JBS Packerland Inc., and JBS Canada ULC (“JBS”) and National Beef Packing Company, LLC (“National Beef”). The class actions will continue against two other defendant groups.

JBS and National Beef have agreed to both pay CAD \$7,498,700 and CAD \$495,000 respectively (the “Settlement Amounts”) for the benefit of the Settlement Class Members (as defined below) and provide co-operation to the plaintiffs in pursuing their claims against the non-settling defendants. In exchange, JBS and National Beef will be provided with a full release of the claims against them. The settlements are a compromise of disputed claims and are not an admission by JBS or National Beef of liability, fault, or wrongdoing.

The Settlement Class Members are members of the BC Settlement Class and Québec Settlement Class.

The BC Settlement Class is all Persons in Canada, other than members of the Québec Settlement Class, who purchased for resale or personal use, between January 1, 2015, and the date the BC Action is certified for settlement approval, Beef excluding Beef Products and Beef purchased from the food service industry.

The Québec Settlement Class is all Persons who purchased Beef in Québec between January 1, 2015, and the date the BC Action is certified for settlement approval.

Settlement Class Members will have the opportunity to opt out of the class actions as described below.

**SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARINGS**

The settlements must be approved by the courts before they become effective. Settlement Approval Hearings are to take place at the Supreme Court of British Columbia on September 10, 2026 at 10:00 am at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia (for Settlement Class Members in all of Canada, except Québec), and at the Superior Court of Québec on December 1, 2026 at 9:15 am, at 1, rue Notre-Dame Est, Montréal, Québec (for Settlement Class Members in Québec).

**DISTRIBUTION OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

The Settlement Amounts, minus court-approved lawyers’ fees, disbursements and applicable taxes, will be held in interest-bearing trust accounts for the benefit of the Settlement Class Members in the class actions (the “Settlement Funds”).

As the class actions remain ongoing and as further recoveries may be achieved, the Settlement Funds will not be distributed to Settlement Class Members at this time. At a future time, the courts will approve a process for the payment of claims to Settlement Class Members. A further notice will be provided at the time of distribution.

**SETTLEMENT APPROVAL AND LAWYERS’ FEES**

At the Settlement Approval Hearings, the courts will determine whether the settlements are fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class Members. At this time, the lawyers working on these class actions will be requesting court approval of fees of 25% of the Settlement Amounts, plus disbursements and applicable taxes. If approved, these amounts will be paid to the lawyers out of the Settlement Amounts.

**OPTING OUT OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

If you do not want to participate in the applicable class action, you must opt out. THIS IS YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT OF THE CLASS ACTIONS. By opting out, you will not be bound by the results of the class actions and you will not be able to make a claim on any money that results from the class actions. If you do not opt out, you are legally bound by the results of the class actions, including the settlement agreements and any resolution of the class actions against the other defendants.

The opt-out deadline is August 10, 2026. To opt out, you must send a signed written opt-out election to counsel for the Settlement Class before the deadline. Find out more at the website listed below.

**OBJECTIONS**

If you do not oppose the proposed settlement agreements (and do not wish to opt out of the class actions), you do not need to do anything at this time. If you wish to comment on or object to the settlement agreements and/or the lawyers’ fees, you must deliver a written submission to one of the law firms listed below before the settlement approval hearings at the latest.

If you have any questions about the class actions or to review the long form notice, please visit [www.beefclassaction.ca](http://www.beefclassaction.ca) or contact the lawyers working on the class actions:

- *CFM Lawyers LLP*: 1-800-689-2322 or [smajidi@cfmlawyers.ca](mailto:smajidi@cfmlawyers.ca)
- *Strosberg Wingfield Sasso LLP*: 1-800-229-5323 or [beef.classaction@swslitigation.com](mailto:beef.classaction@swslitigation.com)
- *Belleau Lapointe LLP*: 1-888-987-6701 or [info@belleaulapointe.com](mailto:info@belleaulapointe.com)