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Samuel Godefroy is the Director General of the Food Directorate, in the Health Products and Food Branch, Health Canada.

In support of Health Canada's mission to help Canadians maintain and improve their health, the Food Directorate is the federal health authority responsible for establishing policies, setting standards and providing advice and information on the safety and nutritional value of food. The Food Directorate is a national program, with operations in Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto, Montréal, Winnipeg and Vancouver. A team of more than 400 employees across Canada contribute to the safety and nutritional quality of food.

Samuel started his career in France as a chemical engineer in the cosmetics industry, then in academia as an assistant professor of Biotechnology and Bioprocesses at the University of Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France, where he was also responsible for technology transfer initiatives. He joined Health Canada in 1998 as a research scientist. Before taking on Director General's responsibilities, Samuel led the Bureau of Chemical Safety, part of Health Canada's Food Directorate.

Samuel has represented Canada in various international food safety forums under the auspices of APEC, Canada/EU regulatory cooperation and the Codex Alimentarius. Samuel has also served on science advisory boards of various European and North American food safety research and risk analysis networks.

Samuel received his Ph.D in Analytical Chemistry, from the University of Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris VI, France. He completed a Bsc. and an Msc. in Biochemistry/Chemistry at the same University. Samuel has also completed a Chemical Engineering degree at the National School of Chemistry of Paris (ENSCP).