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# **FOCUS** Newsletter

## FPCC February 2017 meeting

The FPCC met on February 14, 2017, and Council members approved the following proposed amendments:

- the extension of the Canadian Chicken Marketing Levies Order, which maintains the national levy at 0.53 cents/kg (live weight) and expires on March 31, 2018;
- the extension of the *Canada Turkey Marketing Producers Levy Order*, which retains the national levy at 1.8 cents/kg (live weight) from the date of registration until March 31, 2018;
- the extension of the *Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Levies Order*, keeps the national levy at 0.32 cents per broiler hatching egg and extends the expiry date to June 23, 2018; *and*
- modifications to the *Beef Cattle Research, Market Development and Promotion Levies Order,* to reflect updates to the HS codes.

To view the decision letters, please follow this *link* to **FPCC's Web site**.

## Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council (CPEPC) February Meeting

Council's Chairman, as well as FPCC staff, attended parts of the joint poultry and egg sessions during the week of February 6, 2017. Discussed during Council's attendance were items such as current market conditions, animal welfare, and CPEPC's antimicrobial strategy.

Mr. Pellerin spoke at the hatchery and at both the joint egg and chicken sessions and focused on the positive work CPEPC has accomplished with the industries and the national marketing agencies. He also addressed specific issues for each sector, such as live pricing in chicken and allocation for turkey and hatchery sectors, and the Federal-Provincial Agreement for eggs.

Mr. Pellerin expanded on his mandate letter, primarily on the launch of the Knowledge Infrastructure Project and how the FPCC will be









engaging with national agencies, supervisory boards and provincial commodity boards, to develop ongoing mechanisms to generate up-to-date information on the operations of the supply management system for poultry and eggs.

#### Knowledge Infrastructure Project

In line with the Government of Canada's renewed focus on openness and transparency, the FPCC was mandated by the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) to gather information on the operations of the supply management system for poultry and eggs.

The FPCC has therefore begun to engage national marketing agencies and provincial supervisory boards to seek their support and input on this exercise. For more details on this project, please click this *link*.

#### GC Web Renewal Initiative — Canada.ca

The Government of Canada (GC) launched the *Web Renewal Initiative*, a project to merge all federal departments and organizations' Internet sites into one integrated Web site. The FPCC is continuing to work on its migration and onboarding activities as well as to move its content to <u>Canada.ca</u> in 2017. As such, the FPCC already has a basic presence at <u>www.canada.ca/FPCC</u>.

In addition, the FPCC is now posting all its Proactive Disclosures to the <u>Open Government</u> <u>Portal</u>, under the Open Information section. To access FPCC's pages please use the links available on our <u>Proactive Disclosure</u> page.

### **Regulatory Update**

The FPCC is actively working with provincial commodity boards which hold *Agricultural Products Marketing Act* (APMA) delegation orders and with provincial supervisory board counterparts, to ensure that levies collected on interprovincial and export trade are consistent with the regulation. The APMA Administrative Review is progressing with the cooperation and support of provincial agricultural producer agencies.

The FPCC and AAFC will soon introduce the *Regulatory Forward Plan* in a new and user friendly design on our Web site. This will allow users to find orders more easily, as they will be organized by province. In addition, FPCC is updating the text to its *Interpretation Policy* which outlines the commitments, practices, and tools to be applied by departments when providing





Canadians and businesses with information and guidance on their regulatory obligations. We will keep you posted on the progress of these new updates.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

#### March

20	Farm Products Council of Canada	Ottawa, ON
21-23	Egg Farmers of Canada	Ottawa, ON
21-23	Chicken Farmers of Canada	Ottawa, ON
21-23	Turkey Farmers of Canada	Ottawa, ON
21-23	Canadian Hatching Egg Producers	Ottawa, ON
24	National Association of Agri-Food Supervisory Agencies	Ottawa, ON
<b>April</b> 11-12	Beef Promotion and Research Agency	Calgary, AB
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3-4	Chicken Farmers of Canada	Ottawa, ON
10	Egg Farmers of Canada—Strategic Plan session	Ottawa, ON
9-11	Farm Products Council of Canada	Ottawa, ON

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