

FOCUS Newsletter

New employee at FPCC

On September 18, 2017, Mélodie Thibert joined our team at the Farm Products Council of Canada (FPCC) as a Paralegal where she will be working with the Policy Analysis and Sectoral Operations section.

Mélodie became a licensed paralegal in 2014 and started her career in the public sector working for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Please join us in welcoming her to the FPCC!



CPEPC Fall meeting

During the week of October 23, 2017, Council member Maryse Dubé, joined by FPCC staff, attended the Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council (CPEPC) Fall meeting. Mrs. Dubé provided an update on FPCC's latest news and activities at the joint poultry and egg sessions, as well as the Canadian Hatchery Federation meeting.



FPCC meetings

October 31, 2017

The FPCC met in Ottawa on October 31, 2017, where Council members discussed various issues and received updates from FPCC staff on current files.



In addition, at this meeting, the FPCC considered the following agencies' proposed amendments:

Egg Farmers of Canada

- Amendment to increase EFC's per diem rates for their Chairman and Directors. After a thorough review of the request, the Council declined to approve the request. The Council took into consideration the compensation in place for other comparable organizations and expressed concerns that the level of the per diems included an adjustment to account for future inflation rates.



- Council members approved amendments to the *Canadian Egg Marketing Agency Quota Regulations, 1986* regarding Vaccine Eggs (Schedule 2) for the period beginning January 1, 2018, and expiring on December 30, 2018.

Chicken Farmers of Canada

- Council then approved the *Canadian Chicken Marketing Quota Regulations* for the allocation period A-147 which begins on November 26 and ends on January 20, 2018, as well as the period A-148 which runs from January 21 to March 17, 2018.
- Council approved the "Explanatory Note—CFC's Operating Agreement" (OA) which is sufficient for outlining how CFC intends to implement subsection 3.36 of the OA. The Council is also satisfied that the proposed amendments of CFC's OA do not require amendments to their Proclamation and as such, that Governor in Council approval is not required in amending the OA.



Turkey Farmers of Canada

- Council members approved the *Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency Quota Regulations, 1990* for control period beginning May 1, 2017 and ending on April 28, 2018.



Beef Promotion and Research Agency

- Council members approved the *Beef Cattle Research, Market Development and Promotion Levies Order* to reflect the recent change in the national and provincial levy in New Brunswick.



To view the decision letters, please follow this [link](#) to **FPCC's Web site**.

JUDICIAL REVIEW

As previously reported, the FPCC received a Complaint from Belwood Poultry Ltd., a turkey processor, on June 9, 2017, with respect to amendments Turkey Farmers of Canada's (Respondent Agency) made to their Export Policy. Based on the information received from Belwood Poultry Ltd., TFC and CPEPC (Intervener), during the informal discussions, FPCC's Interim Chairman determined that there was no sufficient substantive evidence supporting the Complaint and as such, the Complaint was dismissed. This decision was communicated to the Parties and Intervener on October 3, 2017.



The FPCC received on November 2, 2017, a copy of the Notice of Application from the Federal Court, submitted by Belwood Poultry Ltd., requesting that the Federal Court direct Council to hold a hearing regarding the Complaint. The *FOCUS Newsletter* will provide regular updates on this file as it progresses.

PRA Updates

PORK
Council members were presented, for information purposes, the draft Proclamation for the establishment of the *Canadian Pork Promotion and Research Agency*. The document is in the drafting stages and is currently with Justice Canada.

PRAs: "Key to expanding markets and incomes for agricultural producer groups."

HEMP

On October 17, 2017, the FPCC received, from the Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance, an application for the creation of a *Canadian Hemp Promotion and Research Agency*. The FPCC is in the process of reviewing the application.

OTHER

FPCC gave a presentation, on how Promotion and Research Agencies can assist the Canadian agriculture industry, at the Sheep Value Chain Roundtable meeting on November 10, 2017.

Upcoming Meetings

November		
14-16	Canadian Hatching Egg Producers	Ottawa, ON
22-23	Chicken Farmers of Canada	Ottawa, ON
28-30	Turkey Farmers of Canada	Toronto, ON
29-30	Beef PRA	Calgary, AB
December		
13-14	Farm Products Council of Canada	Ottawa, ON

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