

FOCUS Newsletter

Speaking Engagements

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Council members are actively participating in virtual national agencies' and industry stakeholders' meetings by providing brief updates on FPCC's latest decisions and activities. Council members truly appreciate the opportunity to be present at these sessions. Council has also continued to invite stakeholders to Council meetings in order to be kept abreast of and discuss current issues.



Staff Update

The FPCC is happy to welcome aboard Patricia Talbot to its Regulatory and Sectoral Affairs unit. Patricia started on May 25, 2020, in her role as Policy and Statistical Analyst.



Patricia worked recently as a Senior Analyst at the National Capital Commission (NCC), following several years as the agricultural advisor for the Greenbelt. In that post, she developed notably the NCC's *Sustainable Agriculture and Food Strategy* and the *Barn Rehabilitation Strategy*. Patricia has a background in agriculture and forestry with considerable experience in project management and research with agricultural producers and organizations across the country. Welcome Patricia to FPCC's team!



Council members' Meetings

May 12, 2020

Council members held a videoconference on May 12, 2020, principally to meet with the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP) executive members and Executive Director.

The CHEP executive presented an overview of the critical issues and challenges the hatching egg sector is facing due to the pandemic, such as the impact of the decrease in the chicken quota allocation, the delayed placement of new flocks and prioritizing domestic demand.

June 9, 2020

Council members met by videoconference on June 9, 2020, and had the pleasure of hosting the Canadian Beef Check-Off Agency executive and staff who provided updates on their business plans, budget and upcoming activities. It was also a great opportunity to hear from the Agency's service providers - Canada Beef (marketing), the Beef Cattle Research Council (research) and its Public Stakeholder Engagement group (communications).

The executive informed Council of the hardships the beef sector is going through during this unsettling time, but also how the organization's hard work in ensuring the provinces are well informed through training sessions as well as focusing on business continuation planning to manage not only the current COVID crisis, but also future risks.

Members approved the amendments to the Beef Agency's *Levies Order* to include the Veal Farmers of Ontario as a collector of levy in Ontario and to extend its expiry date to June 30, 2021.

June 22, 2020

Council members met by videoconference on June 22, 2020, and discussed a number of files related to national agencies, promotion and research agencies and other FPCC activities. They reviewed and approved the following amendments.

Firstly, the amendment to the *Canadian Turkey Marketing Quota Regulations, 1990* to decrease by 6.2% the national quota for the 2020-21 control period in response to the sudden decline in the demand for turkey caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council was satisfied that the proposed allocation amendment to mitigate the impact of the pandemic, fulfilled the Agency's object under the section 21 of the *Farm Products Agencies Act* and was necessary for the implementation of its marketing plan.

Secondly, the amendment to the *Canadian Chicken Marketing Quota Regulations* for period A-164, which runs from July 5, 2020 to August 29, 2020, to set the domestic allocation at 238,951,206 kg live, due to the exceptional circumstances of the COVID crises which resulted in reduced market requirements.

Finally, the amendment to the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers By-Law adding a per diem for the Chair, Vice-Chairs and Directors who participate in longer teleconference and videoconference.

The letters on Council's decisions are available on FPCC's website by following this [link](#).

Other Activities

Levy Committee Meeting of June 18, 2020

On June 18, 2020, FPCC's levy committee approved Chicken Farmers of Canada' (CFC) amendment to the *Canadian Chicken Marketing Levies Order*. The amendment reflects an increase in the levy the Chicken Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador want to impose on chicken producers of their province, for the marketing of chicken in interprovincial and export trade. The expiry date of March 31, 2021, remains the same.

Complaint received from CPEPC against CFC

FPCC received a complaint from the Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council's (CPEPC) on June 22, 2020, with respect to Chicken Farmers of Canada's (CFC) A-165 allocation, which runs from August 30, 2020 to October 24, 2020. A notice was sent on June 24, 2020, to further inform CFC that it has until 4:30 pm, July 9, 2020, to submit its response to the complaint to FPCC. Similarly, all other stakeholders wishing to submit a request for intervener status, have the same deadline.



Complaint received from ÉVQ against TFC

On April 20, 2020, FPCC received a complaint from the *Éleveurs de volailles du Québec* with respect to Turkey Farmers of Canada's 2020-21 allocation. On June 4, 2020, EVQ was informed that the complaint was dismissed. All documentation submitted by the parties and interveners in relation to the complaint are posted on FPCC's [website](#).



Promotion and Research Agencies Update

Pork PRA Process

The draft proclamation for the establishment of a Canadian Pork Promotion and Research Agency was published in Part I of the Canada Gazette on March 7, 2020, for public comment. The regulatory process will resume when government activities get back to normal, after the urgencies related to the COVID-19 are resolved.



Hemp PRA Process

The report of the Council's Panel set up to inquire into the merits of establishing a Canadian Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Agency was presented to Council earlier in the year. At this meeting, Council identified some points on which it requested additional information. The Panel, assisted by staff, is working with the Hemp Producers Committee as they develop their response.



Comments or questions?

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