

Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act
Mandatory Notifiable Avian Influenza Insurance Review

Notice to Producers

Update

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Following the February 2016 announcement of the Review, work was initiated on determining the expected losses that could result from a Notifiable Avian Influenza (NAI) discovery. Serecon has updated the Loss Quantification Models (LQM) for each sector and is currently awaiting the results of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) revised compensation formulas. Serecon reported that CFIA presented the revised compensation formulas to the national feather boards in August. The revised formulas are expected to result in a "market value" gap. The full extent of the expected loss of a NAI discovery cannot be established until such time as the CFIA's formulas have been confirmed.

The Review has been stalled as a result of the delays in the completion of the LQM work due to CFIA not having finalized its compensation formulas. The Mandatory Insurance Steering Committee (MISC) met on October 19, 2016 to consider its options based on this delay. The MISC was of the view to narrow the focus to mandatory insurance for Cleaning and Disinfecting only, rather than compensation for grower losses. The group should continue to work towards fair and reasonable compensation from CFIA, but not make it part of the mandatory insurance review.

The Mandatory Insurance Review Work Plan has subsequently been revised and posted to the boards and commission websites for information. As reflected in the Work Plan, the timelines for information have been revised and it is expected that the first report will be posted to the websites for your review and feedback on December 23, 2016 with subsequent reports posted by the end of January 2017.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the work plan, please direct them to Harvey Sasaki @ harveysasaki@gmail.com.