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Dear Mr. Cross:

SPECIALTY REGULATION SUPERVISORY REVIEW – PROCESS SUSPENSION

Thank you for the updated Specialty Regulation Work Plan (Work Plan), shared with the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) panel on January 11, 2017. The panel appreciates the Broiler Hatching Egg Commission's (BHEC) cooperation in working with BCFIRB to build a SAFETI¹-based Work Plan.

Given the recent resignation of BHEC's Chair, BHEC is directed to suspend implementation of the Work Plan until such time a new Chair is appointed by Order in Council. The panel expects that a new Chair will be appointed as soon as practical. BHEC will be notified in a timely manner once a new Chair is appointed.

In this instance, a quality process with positive stakeholder engagement through fresh leadership takes precedence over time.

¹ Strategic, Accountable, Fair, Effective, Transparent, Inclusive

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Please do not hesitate to contact me or BCFIRB staff if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. E. Stancil".

Daphne Stancil
Chair, Supervisory Panel on Broiler Hatching Egg
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Attachment

cc: BCFIRB website

Appendix A – BCFIRB Requirements

Work Plan Components and Related Actions	BCFIRB supervisory analysis and requirements
<p>1. Develop supporting information for consultation and decision-making processes.</p>	<p><u>Draft Work Plan Status:</u> Appears to be a gap.</p> <p><u>Work Plan Requirement:</u> BHEC is to prepare a discussion document to support consultation and decision making processes. The document is to contain at minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry context, both present and future; • BHEC’s strategic objectives; and, • Initial suite of regulatory options.
<p>2. Develop and consider the full scope of potential regulation (including consideration of production controls and chick pricing).</p>	<p><u>Draft Work Plan Status:</u> Not clear.</p> <p>It is not clear where in the Work Plan BHEC will develop and consider the full scope of potential regulation although this requirement is listed under “Scope”.</p> <p><u>Work Plan Requirement:</u> As note in #1 above, BHEC is to develop an initial suite of regulatory options to support response to its consultation questions. A part of Phase 2 (Regulatory Options) BHEC is to further refine the regulatory options as appropriate based on the consultation and any other relevant considerations.</p> <p><u>Work Plan Requirement:</u> In developing and reviewing regulatory options BHEC is to include consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether further regulation (beyond food safety, biosecurity and premises ID) is needed to achieve sound marketing objectives including industry stability, innovation and diversification; and • Whether to directly regulate the amount of specialty production and price or whether the Chicken Board indirect “regulation” through its regulation of specialty chicken production and price is adequate. <p><u>Comment:</u> It will be important for BHEC to clearly reflect in its final rationale that it did consider the full scope of potential regulation and its role.</p>
<p>3. Determine if production controls are necessary and whether or not setting chick price should be set.</p>	<p><u>Draft Work Plan Status:</u> Partially met, not clear.</p> <p><u>Work Plan Requirement:</u> Reflect these two decision points in Phase 3 for clarity.</p>