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Jim Collins, Chair
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission

Dear Mr. Collins:

**REGULATION OF ASIAN HATCHING EGG PRODUCTION SUPERVISORY REVIEW
– PANEL MEETING WITH COMMISSION ON RECOMMENDATIONS**

On May 11, 2018 the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) supervisory panel requested a meeting with the Broiler Hatching Egg Commission (Commission) for an “open and frank discussion on outstanding questions regarding the Commission’s rationale and recommendations” for regulation of Asian hatching egg production.

The supervisory panel and BCFIRB staff met with the Commission Chair and Executive Director on May 31, 2018. This letter provides a summary of the meeting.

At the outset of the meeting the Commission provided a general overview of its priorities and strategic objectives, taking into account the February 2, 2018 BCFIRB “Quota Assessment Tools Evaluation Supervisory Review”. The Commission commented on its plans to take a serious look at new entrants, regional and specialty diversification as part of what is needed for competitive and sustainable hatching egg sector. These plans were also communicated by the Commission at the May 22, 2018 broiler hatching egg producer meeting.

The panel asked for clarification on a number of topics relevant to the specialty Asian sector, including competition with Ontario, genetic diversity, production planning and stability as well as hatching egg/chick imports/exports, enforcement tools and specialty sector representation within the administrative system applicable to the hatching egg industry.

All attendees came to a common understanding that, despite the previous appeal and the current supervisory review process, there is a significant lack of data, knowledge and market information

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pertaining to the Asian hatching egg sector available to the regulators. That said, it is clear that specialty Asian hatching egg production and the related structures and processes are quite different from mainstream hatching egg production. Finally, attendees noted that with increasing regulation comes increasing responsibility on the part of producers and hatcheries.

At the close of the meeting, the Commission and the panel acknowledged a shared goal of providing clear direction for regulation of specialty hatching egg production to give producers some certainty about the future.

If you have questions please contact Wanda Gorsuch at 250-356-2465 or Wanda.Gorsuch@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,



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Presiding Member

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