



May 22, 2020

Peter Donkers
Chair
BC Farm Industry Review Board
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Dear Mr. Donkers:

IMPLEMENTATION OF ASIAN BREEDER REGULATION IN THE BC HATCHING EGG SECTOR

I write further to the February 27, 2020 letter of the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB).

As BCFIRB is aware, the COVID-19 crisis has seriously impacted the BC chicken industry, not least the broiler hatching egg sector. The workload of BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission board and staff in responding to challenges and shifting priorities has grown accordingly. COVID-19 has also affected consultation processes and timelines.

On April 22, 2020, representatives of the Commission met with all Asian Breeder producers. At that meeting a framework for a potential resolution to this long-standing issue was tentatively established. That framework was discussed at the May 21, 2020 meeting of the Commission board, which agreed that these discussions could continue.

The Commission is preparing a report and implementation schedule for BCFIRB as required by the February 27, 2020 letter. However, considerable details have yet to be worked out in consultation with the Asian Breeder producers and other affected stakeholders. It is the Commission's objective to provide a report to BCFIRB that will finally allow this sector to move forward in an effective regulatory environment.

To meet this objective, and subject to any further COVID-19 issues arising, the Commission requests an extension of the report deadline from May 29, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "J. Collins".

Jim Collins
Chair

cc: All Asian Breeder Producers
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