



BC Farm Industry Review Board

January 14, 2025

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Dear Sirs:

RE: BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

On January 8, 2025¹, the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) directed, by letter, the production of affidavits from hatcheries identified in Schedule A to the letter pertaining to specific questions outlined therein. The affidavits are to be delivered to BCFIRB by 4pm PST on January 17, 2025.

On January 10, 2025, the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission (BHEC) by email to BCFIRB requested clarification of the process BCFIRB intends to follow:

“The Commission respectfully asks that it be provided with copies of all affidavits and other responding materials provided by the hatcheries in response to this direction. The Commission further asks that it be provided with a reasonable opportunity to respond to such materials, if necessary.”

I write to confirm as follows:

1. Once received by BCFIRB from the hatcheries, the affidavits will be provided to BHEC, as the first instance regulator. BHEC will then have an opportunity to respond to the information provided in the affidavits to BCFIRB by January 27, 2025.
2. Once BCFIRB has received the response from BHEC, BCFIRB will determine what further supervisory steps are required to address this significant issue and ensure stability within the broiler hatching egg sector.

¹ [BCFIRB, Letter, Re BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission Application for Approval of an Interim Decision to Designate Certain Hatcheries as Designated Agencies \(January 8, 2025\).](#)

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