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Re: Request for approval of amendments to CFC's Operating Agreement

Dear Mr. Douglas, Provincial Supervisory Board Chairs, Provincial Board Chairs,

I am writing you to formally request your approval of incorporating the Atlantic Canada Safeguard Agreement (ACSA) into Schedule "B" (Operating Agreement) of the Federal-Provincial Agreement for Chicken by means of an addendum.

The intent of the ACSA, which was approved and signed by all provinces as a separate document in late 2014 in conjunction with the signing of the MOU for a long term chicken allocation agreement, was to ensure that allocations to the Atlantic Provinces would not decrease too much in comparison with the pro-rata allocation methodology that was in place before the current formula-based differential growth allocation methodology. Projections at the time, based on an annual growth rate of 1½%, indicated that the ACSA would be triggered towards the very end of the 66-period duration of the agreement, if at all.

As you know, the Canadian chicken industry has enjoyed some very robust growth over the past few years, and this has resulted in the ACSA being triggered and safeguard kilograms being allocated to some of the Atlantic provinces much sooner than anticipated. Kilograms were allocated to New Brunswick for the first time for period A-147, and to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador for period A151. These allocations changed the outcome of the allocation process as specified in the Operating Agreement, albeit in a minor way.

Subsequently, FPCC asked CFC to incorporate the ACSA in the Operating Agreement, and CFC decided to maintain the ACSA as a separate document and make a few minor changes to it to include a brief section stating the incorporation of the ACSA into the Operating Agreement.

The CFC Board of Directors approved this amendment by special vote on January 23, 2019, and it was signed by CFC's Chair on the same day.

Please sign your respective signature block on the enclosed Atlantic Canada Safeguard Agreement and send a scanned copy to Nicole Faubert at nfaubert@chicken.ca.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me, Michael Laliberté or Jan Rus at your convenience.



Yours sincerely,



Benoît Fontaine
Chair

Enclosure: Atlantic Canada Safeguard Agreement

CC: CFC Directors, Alternates, Provincial Board Managers