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Dear Mr. Cross:

SPECIALTY REGULATION SUPERVISORY REVIEW – PROCESS SUSPENSION

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 17, 2017. In your letter the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission (Commission) requests permission to send stakeholders its Work Action Plan and stakeholder questions, along with the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) supervisory panel letter (January 13, 2017) directing the Specialty Regulation Review process be suspended until an OIC appointed Chair is in place.

The BCFIRB panel appreciates that the Commission is interested in getting Phase I of the Asian Breeder Hatching Egg Producers Work Action Plan (Work Plan) started. The option you outline to do so is one that the panel considered prior to its January 13, 2017 direction to suspend the review process.

The panel has re-evaluated this option in light of your request. We conclude that it continues to be in the Commissions' and broader publics' best interest not to start the review process until a new chair joins the Commission. This will help ensure that all Commission members fully understand the Work Plan goals and act in unison once the process is underway. The panel therefore concludes that its direction of January 13, 2017 stands -- the process is suspended until the Commission, in cooperation with the appointed chair, determines it should begin. As noted before, the panel will expect a new Work Plan schedule at that time.

For your information, BCFIRB was informed that the process to identify candidates and make an Order In Council appointment is underway.

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Finally, in the interest of transparency, the Commission is encouraged to share the BCFIRB panel January 13, 2017 decision with its stakeholders.

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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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>