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SENT VIA EMAIL

BC Farm Industry Review Board
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RE: CHICKEN REVIEW PROCESS

Dear FIRB,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the recent stage of the chicken review process. Regarding your points in question:

1) At a recent BCBHEPA meeting we discussed the component and the role of the project leader in the review process. While we did not disagree with the concept, one of the discussion points was how the process of choosing this person would negatively affect the timeline goal that was set. Furthermore, upon reading the comments made by the respective Boards, we agree with their perspective on needing to be first instance regulators throughout the review process. Therefore, while we understand the intent of the role, we do not feel it is necessary at this moment. One concern, however, is the Primary Processors not providing the relevant information necessary to move forward. This is perhaps where some sort of third party, or specifically a BCFIRB representative could play a part.

2) It would be beneficial to stakeholders to have updates and opportunities for feedback on a regular basis. That being said, having the entire process "handcuffed" too consistently while providing and waiting for updates and feedback is not ideal either. Monthly or at the most, bi-weekly we feel is sufficient.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Brandsma", is positioned above the typed name.

Bryan Brandsma, President
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