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Animal Health Act - General Order AIV2024-01

Person(s) and Place Subject to Order

Name of person(s) subject to this order:

- 1) All persons responsible for chickens and turkeys in operations regulated by one of the following:
 - a) the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission;
 - b) the BC Chicken Marketing Board;
 - c) the BC Egg Marketing Board;
 - d) the BC Turkey Marketing Board; (each a "Board or Commission")

and who hold quota from their relevant Marketing Board or Commission.

In this order, "Poultry" means the chicken and turkeys in the above-listed commercial operations.

The following persons are excluded from the above:

Any person described above who receives an exemption from their Board or Commission, where the Board or Commission has been delegated the power to issue exemptions under S. 70 of the *Animal Health Act*.

To apply for an exemption, a person subject to this Order must:

Provide a written submission to their Board or Commission detailing:

- 1) Why they are unable to implement the actions required by this Order, and
- 2) The steps they will put in place to prevent contact between their poultry flocks and wild birds.

A Board or Commission who has the necessary delegation (see Delegation attached to this Order as Appendix B) may, after receiving a submission for exemption as described above, provide an exemption from this Order to the person applying if:

- 1) The submission has been reviewed by a Ministry of Agriculture and Food poultry veterinarian; and,
- 2) The Board or Commission is of the opinion that the steps the person proposes to take to prevent contact between their flocks and wild birds are sufficient to prevent transmission of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus.

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Location of premises this order relates to, if applicable:

Premises identification account number(s):

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Contact information of owner of premises, if different from above:						
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Contact information for operator of premises, if different from above:						
Date this order is issued: September 17, 2024						
Date this order takes effect, if different:						
Reference Number: AIV2024-01						
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THE PERSON(S) SUBJECT TO THIS ORDER MUST COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER.

Reason for Order

The Chief Veterinarian reasonably believes the following:

This order and the actions listed are believed necessary under s. 39(1)(c)(i) of the *Animal Health Act* to address a condition that presents a significant risk of causing a threat to animal health, specifically: to prevent the occurrence and spread of highly pathogenic H5 and H7 avian influenza A virus.

Background information:

The highly pathogenic H5 and H7 avian influenza A viruses are reportable diseases under the federal *Health of Animals Act* and reportable and notifiable diseases under the provincial *Animal Health Act*.

Wild birds, particularly waterfowl, serve as natural reservoirs of avian influenza viruses. These birds play a pivotal role in the spreading of the virus across geographic regions through migration and daily movements, which can lead to transmission to domestic poultry. Based on the recurring Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreaks over the past two years and the increased risk of transmission from infected wild birds to domestic poultry during peak wild bird migration in fall, and high local overwintering populations of wild birds, this order is issued to minimize exposure of domestic poultry flocks to wild birds.

This Order is in Respect of the Following									
Animal(s) (specific):									
Age	Sex	Species	Description						

Type of animal(s) generally:							
Poultry in the Province.							
Premises: All commercial Poultry operations in the Province.							
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Animal products/ by-products:							
Things:							
Actions which Must be Taken							
Action: All live Poultry kept by the persons subject to this order must be maintained indoors unless							
this order is modified by the further order of an inspector.							
For certainty, the above required action does not limit the sales, transportation or slaughter of							
Poultry, or the disposal of Poultry carcasses.							
Date by which action must be complete, if applicable:							
Completed? Y/N Inspector Initial and Date							
No.							
Notes:							
Other Conditions							
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Additional Comments							
Authority for Order							
This order is issued pursuant to sections 39, 40 and 41 of the <i>Animal Health Act</i> .							
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Termination of Order							
This Order terminates on the following date or in the following circumstances: refer to section 50(a)							
of the <i>Animal Health Act</i> . See Appendix A.							
Contact Information Name and contact information of inspector making order:							

Dr. Theresa Burns, Chief Veterinary Officer Theresa.burns@gov.bc.ca		
Veterinarian or diagnostic laboratory contact	eted:	
	September 17, 2024	
Inspector	Date	

Orders

You have been issued an order. Failure to comply with an order is an offense under s. 81 of the *Animal Health Act*. If this order is posted, you must not remove, alter, or deface it. If an inspector believes that you are not adequately complying with this order, an inspector is authorized to enter into the place described in this document and take action to ensure this order is carried out. You are liable for all costs of any work that the inspector authorizes to be carried out to ensure compliance with this order.

You may request reassessment, reconsideration, or review of this order. A request must be in the form and manner required by the Chief Veterinarian.

Reassessment

You may request the issuing inspector to reassess the circumstances under which this order was made, assess the extent to which it has been complied with, and determine if it continues to be necessary. The inspector may decide to confirm, vary, or terminate this order.

Reconsideration

If you have additional relevant information which was not available when the inspector made the order you may request the issuing inspector to reconsider this order. The inspector may

- Vary, confirm, or rescind this order;
- Delay the date the order takes effect or suspend the order, if this will not be a risk to animal or public health; or,
- Reject your request if the information is not new or not relevant.

This order continues to be in effect while the inspector reconsiders it unless the inspector agrees in writing to suspend it. You will receive written reasons for the reconsideration decision. You may not request a second reconsideration.

Review

If you have completed a request for reconsideration you may request a review of this order. This review will be based on the existing record. The reviewer may

- Vary, confirm or rescind the order; or
- Delay the date the order takes effect or suspend the order, if this will not be a risk to animal or public health; or,
- Refer the matter back to the person who made the order, with or without directions.

The order continues to be in effect during the review. You will receive written reasons for this decision. You may not request further review under the *Animal Health Act*, but may have other recourse.

Appendix A

Section 50 of the Animal Health Act states

- **50** An order ceases to have effect on the date or in the circumstances stated in the order, or if no date or circumstances are stated, as follows:
 - (a) If an order is served by posting the order, or notice of the order, in or on a place, on the date the order or notice is removed from the place by the minister or the inspector who made the order, or by a person acting under the direction of either of them;
 - (b) If an order is served by publishing the order, or notice of the order, on the date the inspector who made the order publishes a notice that the order has been terminated;
 - (c) If an order is made under section 41 (m) [general orders], on the date the person subject to the order provides evidence of compliance as required by the order;
 - (d) In any other case, on the date the inspector who made the order provides notice by any means to the person subject to the order that the order is terminated.

Appendix B: Board and Commission Delegation Letter

September 17, 2024

File: 0280-30

The BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission #210-1848 McCallum Road,

Abbotsford, BC V2S 0H9

The BC Egg Marketing Board 250-32160 South Fraser Way Abbotsford, BC V2T 1W5

The BC Chicken Marketing Board #220-1848 McCallum Road, Abbotsford, BC V2S 0H9 The BC Turkey Marketing Board #106 - 19329 Enterprise Way

Surrey, BC V3S 6J8

Hereby referred to as the Marketing Boards and Commissions

Dear Marketing Boards and Commissions:

DELEGATION

Pursuant to section 70 of the *Animal Health Act* (Act), S.B.C. 2014, c. 16, I hereby delegate to the Marketing Boards and Commissions the power to permit exemptions from General Order AIV2024-01, made by me on September 17, 2024, as described further in that General Order. This delegation remains in effect until repealed by the chief veterinarian or the repeal of General Order AIV2024-01, whichever occurs first.

Sincerely,

Dr. Theresa Burns

Chief Veterinary Officer