

Speaking Notes Informal Meeting Process
Complaint against Chicken Farmers of Canada

Period A-133 Allocation Decision

Ottawa, ON – August 4, 2015 (9:30 a.m.)

Maryse Dubé

Ladies and gentlemen, good morning. Welcome everyone to this meeting on the Complaint against Chicken Farmers of Canada.

My name is Maryse Dubé and I am the Complaint Committee Chair appointed to this complaint before us. I am a Council member, and my fellow panel member, Debbie Etsell, is also a Council member. I would further like to introduce Ms. Demeena Kaur Seyan, our Legal Counsel.

The *Interim Complaints Guidelines* set out the requirements for handling a complaint under paragraph 7(1)(f) of the *Farm Products Agencies Act* and provide a framework for the process, which is uniform and expeditious, while maintaining safeguards to ensure fairness throughout the proceedings.

The Complaint Committee selected an informal meeting as the process to hear the complaint before us today.

The objectives of this meeting are to provide the parties an opportunity to present their arguments on the complaint as well as to respond to questions the Complaint Committee may have during the course of this meeting.

To do so, we will first hear the Agri-Food Council of Saskatchewan followed by a question period. We will then hear the Chicken Farmers of Canada's presentation. These 2 presentations should take us to lunch. We will reconvene at 1:30pm for a second question period.

The findings of the Complaint Committee will be included in a summary report which will then be distributed to all of the parties for comments.

Before we start, I would like to go over a few housekeeping matters to ensure the proper conduct of the meeting:

While in this meeting room, we would ask that you please turn off your cell phones as they are a distraction and they cause interference on the internal communication system used by our interpreters. We would appreciate your cooperation in this regard;

Furthermore, interpretation services will be available throughout the duration of this meeting. French interpretation is available on Channel 1 and English interpretation on Channel 2;

Finally, we would appreciate that you keep to your allotted time for your presentation and questions.

Before we begin, are there any procedural matters that should be dealt with?

I will now invite the Agri-Food Council of Saskatchewan to present its complaint.

Thank you.