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**VIA EMAIL** 

Ms. Hélène Devost Manager – Policy Analysis Farm Products Council of Canada Central Experimental Farm Ottawa, ON K1A 0C6

Dear Ms. Devost:

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OBHECC COMPLAINT TO FPCC
OUR MATTER ID: 1382-004

I am writing to follow up on your email of Friday, July 31st proposing that the FPCC Chairman meet with representatives of OBHECC and CHEP on Friday, August 14th concerning OBHECC's complaint. I have also received copies of letters from the Syndicat des producteurs d'oeufs d'incubation du Québec and Les Couvoiriers du Québec legal counsels expressing concern about the facilitated discussion approach initially proposed by OBHECC. In addition, I have received copies of correspondence to FPCC relating to the complaint from the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission, the Ontario Broiler Chicken Hatching Egg Producers Association, and the Canadian Hatchery Federation.

In view of the number of participants and the nature of the issues, the facilitated discussion approach initially favoured by OBHECC and supported by CHEP may not be workable. In the circumstances, CHEP recommends that FPCC consider using the informal meeting option provided in FPCC's Interim Complaint Guidelines. This option would enable the parties and other stakeholders to make their views known to FPCC, and respond to the views of others, in the context of an expeditious, informal, fair and transparent process. It also would allow the possibility of stakeholders to make submissions in writing only or to participate by videoconference. From CHEP's perspective, the informal meeting option is preferable to a more formal hearing process and it also places less of a burden on FPCC.

I propose that a conference call be arranged at the earliest opportunity to resolve scheduling and other process issues with a view to holding the informal meeting at the earliest available date in September.

To minimize confusion and delay, I also ask that FPCC direct any correspondence, including intervention documents, be copied to the parties and their legal counsel.

Thank you for considering this proposal and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

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