

## Opening Remarks for Preparatory Conference

*Complaint against the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers  
September 14, 20115 at 1:00 p.m.*

Debbie Etsell

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Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. My name is Debbie Etsell and I am the Chair of this Complaint Committee. The Committee has been appointed by Mr. Laurent Pellerin, Chairman of the Farm Products Council of Canada (FPCC), to inquire into a complaint brought against the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers by the Ontario Broiler Hatching Egg and Chick Commission.

I am a member of Council, and my fellow committee member who is on the line with us today is Mike Pickard, Vice-Chair of the Council.

Also present during this teleconference call is Martin Leblanc, our legal counsel and Nathalie Vanasse, Registrar. The parties to

the Complaint, as well as those who were granted intervener status were also invited to this call.

Mr. Pellerin appointed this Committee to investigate the complaint brought forward by the Ontario Broiler Hatching Egg and Chick Commission against the Canadian Hatching Egg Producers.

The FPCC, as part of its duties listed in paragraph 7. (1)(f) of the *Farm Products Agencies Act*, shall make such inquiries and take such action within its powers as it deems appropriate in relation to any complaints received from any person who is directly affected by the operations of an agency.

The Complaint was received in the offices of FPCC on July 9, 2015. A first notice was sent out to Provincial Supervisory Boards, Provincial Hatching Egg Boards and the Canadian Hatchery Federation on July 21, 2015 advising the stakeholders of the complaint.

FPCC requested that the stakeholders provide FPCC with their comments by July 31. A second notice was sent on August 14 extending to August 24, 2015, for those who wished to comment on the complaint or seek intervener status.

A Preliminary meeting was held on August 14 with Mr. Pellerin, FPCC Chairman and FPCC staff H  l  ne Devost and Reg Milne in attendance. Jack Greydanus and Giuseppe Caminiti represented Canadian Hatching Egg Producers and Bob Guy, Dick Otter and Cheryl Firby represented the Ontario Broiler Hatching Egg and Chick Commission.

The meeting's conclusion was that a Complaint Committee would be created. The Committee has decided to follow the Informal Meeting process with a 2-day meeting scheduled for October 26 and 27, 2015 in National Capital Region.

All organizations that have requested and were granted intervener status are:

- Le Syndicat des producteurs d'œufs d'incubation du Québec
- Les Couvoiriers du Québec Inc.
- Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council
- Ontario Broiler Chicken Hatching Egg Producers Association
- British Columbia Broiler Hatching Egg Commission
- British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board

Please note that a transcript of the proceedings of October 26 and 27 will be made available to both parties and all interveners.

We intend to be as flexible as possible during this process. We also want to be sure that we have carried out our mandate as fairly as possible and considered every element brought forward by the complaint process.

After the October 26 and 27, 2015, Informal Meeting a draft Compiled Summary of Evidence will be prepared for review by both Parties and the Interveners to ensure its accuracy.

Once the comments are received, a Final Report, including the Committee's recommendations, will be prepared for FPCC's consideration.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this concludes my remarks, and we will now proceed with the rest of the agenda for today.

Thank you.