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Our file: 1215-9

August 11, 2015

Mr. John L. O’Kane
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Re: Complaint by Turkey Farmers of Ontario under Paragraph 7(1)(f) of the *Farm Products Agencies Act*, with regard to a decision by Turkey Farmers of Canada made on June 11, 2015, concerning Turkey Farmers of Canada’s Multiplier Breeder Policy

Dear Mr. O’Kane:

The following is in response to your letter dated August 8, 2015, regarding Mr. Spurr’s letter of August 7, 2015, requesting an extension of the delay granted by Farm Products Council of Canada (FPCC), to allow Turkey Farmers of Ontario (TFO) to finalize an arbitration agreement with Turkey Farmers of Canada (TFC).

On August 10, 2015, a conference call was held between FPCC, TFO and TFC to discuss the request and to allow parties to provide FPCC with an update on the process to finalize an arbitration agreement, including some of the elements provided in your August 8, 2015, letter.

FPCC is of the view that, in light of the scope of the complaint and the potential impact on industry stakeholders, every effort should be made to arrive at a process which is fair, transparent, and allows interested parties to be heard. FPCC also believes that any arbitration process should be structured in a way which will lead to a timely resolution of this issue.

Upon discussions with TFO and TFC, FPCC agreed to give parties until, August 14, 2015, to conclude negotiations on an arbitration agreement and for TFO to signify to FPCC whether it wishes to withdraw its complaint. It was also agreed that a copy of any arbitration agreement would be provided to FPCC in a timely manner.

In the absence of an agreement by August 14, 2015, FPCC will proceed with the establishment of a Complaint Committee on Monday August 17, 2015, and communicate the complaint to industry stakeholders who may have an interest in being granted intervener status into the process or to provide written comments.

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Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact H el ene Devost, Acting Director, Council Operations and Communications at 613-759-1589 or by email at helene.devost@agr.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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