

*Remarks for Status Update Teleconference
Complaint against the Turkey Farmers of Canada
September 14, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.*

Mike Pickard

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. My name is Mike Pickard and I am the Chair of this Complaint Committee. My fellow committee member who is on the line with us today is Kimberley Hill, member of the Council.

Also present during this teleconference call is Martin Leblanc, our legal counsel, Nathalie Vanasse, Registrar, the parties to the Complaint, TFO and TFC, as well as those who have requested intervener status.

The Complaint brought against the Turkey Farmers of Canada (TFC) by the Turkey Farmers of Ontario (TFO) was received in the offices of FPCC on July 10, 2015.

At the request of both parties, FPCC agreed to not proceed with the complaint until July 31, 2015, to allow TFO and TFC to complete the process of reconsideration of the June 11, 2015 decision.

Following this, FPCC received requests for two extensions (August 7 and August 14) to allow the parties' time to develop an alternative dispute resolution mechanism. After these extensions, FPCC decided to proceed with its complaint process

On August 18, the Complaint Committee was created and several comments and requests to intervene were received from industry stakeholders in the following days.

Subsequently, on August 28, FPCC received notice from TFO that some aspects of the Complaint were better suited to set resolution through binding arbitration rather than the Complaint process, and TFO withdrew its Complaint. The Arbitration Agreement followed on September 1.

The Panel has decided not to dismiss the Complaint and has granted a stay of proceedings until the arbitration process is completed. Depending on the results of the arbitration, if further actions are required, we will be informing the parties and interveners of next steps.

Thank you very much for your participation. I now open the floor to questions.