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Mr. Mark Davies
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Subject: Amendments to the *Canadian Turkey Marketing Producers Levy Order and the Canadian Turkey Marketing Quota Regulations, 1990*

Dear Mr. Davies:

The Farm Products Council of Canada, at its meeting on February 4-5, 2015, considered the Turkey Farmers of Canada's request for amending the *Canadian Turkey Marketing Producers Levy Order* for 2015 as proposed in its submission to Council on January 22, 2015.

Following a review of the Agency's end-of-year budget status for 2014 and its 2015 preliminary budget, Council members found that the proposed levies are consistent with the requirements of the *Farm Products Agencies Act*, the Agency's Proclamation, FPA and By-laws. Council concluded that the levies, which are unchanged from 2014, will not affect turkey producers' returns nor consumers' access to turkey and turkey products at a reasonable price. Council approved the amendment requested, which will come into force on the day of its registration and expire on March 31, 2016.

The Council also reviewed TFC's request for approval of the proposed amendments to the *Canadian Turkey Marketing Quota Regulations, 1990* for the 2014-15 control period as submitted to Council on January 26, 2015.

I am pleased to inform you that the Council has approved your proposal for amending the quota allocation to reflect the interprovincial leasing of quota from British Columbia of 703,000 kg eviscerated weight to Alberta and Ontario, due to an outbreak of Avian Influenza disease and the resulting loss of production. The total quota allocation will remain unchanged for the period April 27, 2014 to April 26, 2015. These amendments will come into force on the day of its registration.

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In reviewing the quota regulation amendments, the Council found that the amendments satisfied the requirements of the *Farm Products Agencies Act*, the Agency's Proclamation, Federal-Provincial Agreement and attached schedule as well as the Agency's By-Laws.

Council congratulates TFC and all the industry stakeholders involved in responding so quickly to this emergency which impacted turkey production, processing and marketing at the same time as demonstrating that the industry has the flexibility to adapt rapidly when required.

Overall, there were sufficient grounds and information for Council to be satisfied that the amendments to the Levies Order and the Quota Regulations are necessary for the implementation of the Agency's marketing plan.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurent Pellerin', written in a cursive style.

Laurent Pellerin
Chairman