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Current Ontario Processor Allocation System Remains in place for A-107

“Business as usual in Ontario for A-107” is the message that Murray Booy, Chair of Chicken Farmers of Ontario and Reg Cliche, Chair of the Association of Ontario Chicken Processors are sharing with farmers, processors and industry stakeholders.

A new processor allocation agreement made in late January that contemplates significant revisions to the processor allocation systems in Ontario and Quebec included a target implementation date of A-107. However, recent developments in Quebec have resulted in the target implementation date being delayed.

The Agreement signed on January 26, 2011 by the Chicken Farmers of Ontario, the Association of Ontario Chicken Processors, Les Éleveurs De Volailles Du Québec and

L’association Des Abattoirs Avicoles Du Québec, requires approval by the Régie regarding Quebec’s obligations under the Agreement. Régie hearings on the new processor allocation agreement are occurring, but with the scheduling of new hearing dates (in May and June 2011), the Régie process is taking longer than expected and will delay the implementation of the Agreement.

As a result, the moratorium placed on any new marketing agreements between Ontario farmers and out-of province processors as well as new applications by out-of province processors to begin purchasing chicken from Ontario farmers will remain in effect. The parties have agreed to a coordinated removal of the Ontario and Quebec moratoriums to coincide with the implementation of the terms of the Agreement.

A new target date for implementation will be communicated once established. Until then, the current Ontario processor allocation system will continue to allocate the production and processing of chicken in Ontario.

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