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Update: Moratorium on Interprovincial Movement

Chicken Farmers of Ontario (CFO) remains actively engaged with industry partners – Ontario and Quebec processors and farmers – to find a long-term solution to the high levels of Inter-provincial movement (IPM) of live chicken.

CFO made a commitment to review the moratorium on a quota period by quota period basis. Following consultation with processors, and given that discussions continue to develop, the CFO Board of Directors has decided to continue with the moratorium for A-103.

The moratorium has been placed on new contracts between Ontario farmers and out-of-province processors. Arrangements in place prior to the implementation of the moratorium will remain unaffected.

The moratorium maintains a level playing field for all stakeholders by ensuring that the IPM of chicken from Ontario to Quebec remains at current amounts, while Ontario and Quebec farm Boards and processor associations develop a long term, sustainable solution for the chicken value chain. Developing a solution is the top priority for all parties involved.

The future of the supply management system must be secured – a system that provides all Ontario chicken farmers, processors and distribution channels with the opportunity to earn a reasonable return on their investments. It is imperative that IPM not damage the system.

The Board also wishes to clarify that when a farmer marketing chicken interprovincially acquires quota units from either a farmer

marketing chicken to an out-of-province processor or an Ontario processor, the allotment relating to the quota units acquired will be subject to the moratorium and must be marketed on a Form 101 to an Ontario processor. Further, the Board will not accept a new Form 101 made between a farmer and an out-of-province processor, where the out-of-province processor is different from the out-of-province processor to which the farmer was shipping chicken when the moratorium was implemented.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Director, your District Committee Representative or Rob Dougans, CEO, Chicken Farmers of Ontario if you have any further questions.