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PART I – INTRODUCTION

Purpose of Order

1. The British Columbia Turkey Marketing Board (the “Board”) has approved these General Orders (the “General Orders”) for the purpose of promoting, controlling and regulating the production, transportation, processing, packing, storage and marketing of turkey raised within British Columbia for meat or egg production including the regulation of turkey for inter-provincial and export trade.

Authority of Board

2. The Board exercises powers delegated to it under the following enactments:
 - a) *Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 330 (the “B.C. Act”) together with the following regulations made thereunder:
 - (i) *British Columbia Turkey Marketing Scheme*, (B.C. Reg. 174/66) (the “B.C. Regulation”); and
 - (ii) *Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act Regulations*, (B.C. Reg. 328/75).
 - b) *Agricultural Products Marketing Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. A-6 together with the following regulations made thereunder:
 - (i) *British Columbia Turkey Order*, (C.R.C., c. 148);
 - (ii) *British Columbia Turkey Marketing Board (Interprovincial and Export) Order*, (C.R.C., c. 150); and
 - (iii) *British Columbia Turkey Marketing Levies Order*, (C.R.C., c. 149)
 - c) *Farm Products Agencies Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. F-4., together with the following regulations made thereunder:
 - (i) *Canada Turkey Marketing Levies Order (2019)*, (SOR/2019-54);
 - (ii) *Canadian Turkey Anti-dumping Regulations*, (C.R.C., c. 659);
 - (iii) *Canadian Turkey Licensing Regulations*, (C.R.C., c. 660);
 - (iv) *Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency Proclamation*, (C.R.C., c. 647); and
 - (v) *Canadian Turkey Marketing Quota Regulations*, 1990, (SOR/90-231).

Definitions

3. In this and all Orders of the British Columbia Turkey Marketing Board, except as otherwise provided herein, or unless the context requires otherwise, the definitions contained in the B.C. Act and the B.C. Regulation shall have effect together with the following additional definitions:

“Agency” means a Person designated by the Board as being a Person through which any of the Regulated Product shall be processed, packed, stored or marketed;

“Allocation” means the number of kilograms of turkey meat that the Board authorizes a Grower to produce and market in inter- and intra-provincial trade for a Quota Year or from time to time within a Quota Year;

“Allocation Lease” means an agreement that has been approved by the Board between two Growers that allows one to lease their Allocation to another within a defined period of time;

“Associated Growers” means Growers connected as follows:

- a) Individuals are Associated Growers when:
 - i. One is married to the other or lives with the other as if they were married;
 - ii. They are partners in a partnership; or
- b) An individual and a corporation are Associated Growers when:
 - i. The individual controls the corporation;
 - ii. The individual and an individual who controls the corporation are Associated Growers;
 - iii. The individual and a corporation that controls the corporation are Associated Growers;
 - iv. They are partners in a partnership;
- c) Corporations are Associated Growers when
 - i. One is controlled by the other;
 - ii. Another corporation controls both corporations;
 - iii. An individual controls both corporations;
 - iv. They are both controlled by different persons, whether individuals or corporations, that are associated growers;
 - v. They are partners in a partnership;

“Barn Rental” means an arrangement between two Persons that has been approved by the Board and allows a Registered Grower to raise turkeys in a facility that they do not own;

“Board” means the British Columbia Turkey Marketing Board;

“Breeder” means a Person who raises turkeys for egg production;

“Certified Organic” means turkey produced by a Grower in accordance with the applicable organic standards;

“Corrective Action Request” means a deficiency identified by a Board-approved auditor that must be corrected before certification under the TFC On-Farm Programs can be granted;

“Direct Vendor” means a Person who has been issued a Direct Vendor license by the Board and may place 300 or fewer turkey Poulets in any one Quota Year;

“Direct Vendor Allowance” means the maximum number of Poulets that a Direct Vendor can place in any one Quota Year;

“Exporter” means a Processor or Turkey Broker that is certified by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to export Regulated Product from Canada;

“Flock” means a group of turkeys, the Poulets for which were placed in a Turkey Production Unit at one time, or so close together in time that they would normally be marketed at one time;

“Flock Average Basis” means turkeys placed on or about the same day and shipped on the same day or on consecutive days;

“Further Processor” means a Person who transforms raw meat supplied by a Processor or imported into a variety of fresh, frozen and shelf-stable products for the retail and food service markets;

“Grower” means a Registered Grower or New Entrant Grower;

“Grower Program” means an agreement between a Grower, a Processor or Turkey Broker, and a Hatchery or Poult Broker that establishes the quantities and dates at which Regulated Product will be marketed within a Quota Year;

“Hatchery” means a Person who hatches turkey eggs and offers Poulets for sale;

“Lease Rate” means the amount of money paid per kilogram of live weight for the lease of one Grower’s Allocation to another Grower;

“Lessee” means a Person to whom quota is leased;

“Lessor” means a Person from whom quota is leased;

“Lot” means a flock of turkeys that is set to be processed at the same time or thereabouts (within a reasonable timeframe) and may consist of more than one truck or trailer load;

“Mature Turkey” means a class of Regulated Product which is marketed at an age equal to or greater than 161 days;

“Maximum Quota Holdings” means the maximum amount of quota, expressed in kilograms of live weight, that can be held by one Person at a given time;

“New Entrant Grower” means a Person who has been approved by the Board to participate in the New Entrant Program;

“New Entrant Program” or **“NEP”** means the program as set out in Schedule 2;

“Person” means a person as defined in the *Interpretation Act*¹ and includes an individual;

¹ Person as defined in the *Interpretation Act* “includes a corporation, partnership or party, and the personal or legal representatives of a person to whom the context can apply according to law”

“Personal Consumption Allowance” means the maximum number of Pouls that a Person can place within a Quota Year for personal consumption without holding Quota;

Direct Vendor can place in any one Quota Year;

“Placement” means a flock of turkeys that is placed in a brooder barn after arriving to the farm from the hatchery;

“Poult” means a hatched Young Turkey up to 72 hours of age that has not been fed or watered;

“Poult Broker” means any Person who is not a licensed Hatchery but offers pouls for sale;

“Processor” means a Person who changes the nature of the Regulated Product by mechanical means or otherwise, namely by Slaughter of the Regulated Product, and is certified as a government-inspected abattoir;

“Production Sleeve” means an amount of Allocation that a Grower may carry between two consecutive Quota Years;

“Quota” means a quantity of Regulated Product expressed in kilograms of live weight per Quota Year;

“Quota Year” means a 52- or 53-week period commencing on the Sunday following the last Saturday in April of one year, and ending with the last Saturday of April in the following year;

“Registered Grower” means a Person who is licensed by the Board to hold Quota in order to produce the Regulated Product but is not a New Entrant Grower and has been issued Quota;

“Regulated Product” means any class of turkeys raised for meat and egg production within the province of British Columbia;

“Shipment” means the transportation of a flock or portion thereof from a Grower to a Processor;

“Slaughter” means the initial (primary) processing of Regulated Product by a Processor;

“Spouse” means someone who is legally married or who has lived with another Person in a marriage-like relationship for at least two years;

“TFC” means the national agency, Turkey Farmers of Canada;

“Transfer” means the direct or indirect transfer of a legal or equitable interest in Quota;

“Transferee” means a Person to whom Quota is Transferred;

“Transferor” means a Person from whom Quota is Transferred;

“Transporter” means a Person who hauls live turkeys in exchange for remuneration;

“Turkey Broker” means a Person who is authorized to causes a change in the nature of the Regulated Product by mechanical means or otherwise and is a government-inspected facility and is authorized to market, offer for sale, supply, store or transport the Regulated Product;

“Turkey Production Unit” means an area of a building or collection of buildings in which turkeys are grown;

“Valid License” means a current and subsisting license of the applicable class issued by the Board to a Person in good standing with respect to each and every requirement therefor;

“Year End Quota Lease” means an agreement that has been approved by the Board between two Growers that allows one to lease their Allocation to another with the express purpose of balancing inadvertent under and over production at the end of a Quota Year; and,

“Young Turkey” means a class of Regulated Product which is marketed at an age less than 161 days.

PART II – LICENSING

Requirement to Hold Licence

4. No Person shall act as a Registered Grower, New Entrant Grower, Direct Vendor, Breeder, Processor, Exporter, Transporter, Agency, Turkey Broker, Poult Broker, or Hatchery unless in possession of a Valid License issued by the Board and no Person shall be relieved of compliance with the requirements in respect of any class of license on the grounds that such Person is the holder of a Valid License of another class.
5. The above provision does not apply to a Person who places less than 50 turkeys in a quota year, for the express purpose of personal consumption.
6. Unless the Board orders otherwise, all Growers, Direct Vendors, Processors, Exporters, Hatcheries, Turkey Brokers and Poult Brokers who hold a Valid License issued by the Board are designated as Agencies through which Regulated Product may be marketed.
7. Where a Valid Licence has been issued by the Board to a corporation, such licence is subject to cancellation upon order of the Board in the event of a change in the ownership, direct or indirect, of the majority voting shares of the corporation.
8. Every Grower which is a corporation shall file with its application for license and at any other time within 10 days of receiving a written request from the Board, a copy of the corporation's register of members.
9. The Board shall conduct random searches of the records at the Registrar of Companies and should the corporation's register of members be found to be incorrect the Board may cancel the corporation's license or refuse to issue a license.

General Conditions

10. It is a condition of issuance and maintenance of every license that the applicant or holder complies with the Orders of the Board from time to time in force and as amended from time to time.
11. Licenses issued under this Order are not transferable.
12. Licenses are issued on an annual basis, effective on the first day of the Quota Year and expiring on the last day of the Quota Year.
13. Every application for a license must be made to the Board in the required form by January 15th of each year, for licensing effective on the first day of the subsequent Quota Year. The application must be accompanied by the appropriate fee as set out in Schedule 1.

PART III – ISSUANCE AND REGISTRATION OF QUOTA

Form in Which Quota is Issued

14. All Quota issued to each Grower shall be expressed in kilograms of live weight per Quota Year.
15. All Quota is a revocable license to produce only and remains the exclusive property of the Board.
16. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, Quota shall not be issued to any individual who is under the age of nineteen years, or to any corporation controlled by any individuals under the age of nineteen years, or to any partnership with respect to which any individual member is under the age of nineteen years.

Categories and Types of Quota

17. Quota shall be categorized as either Primary Quota or Secondary Quota:
 - a) Primary Quota:
 - i. Commercial Quota
 - ii. New Entrant Quota
 - b) Secondary Quota:
 - i. Multiplier Breeder Quota
 - ii. Breeder By-Product Quota
 - iii. Export Regrow Quota
 - iv. Incentive Quota
18. A Grower may hold multiple categories and types of Quota.
19. Primary and Secondary Quota may be used to produce Regulated Product that is Certified Organic, Raised Without Antibiotics, Pasture-Fed, and Free-Range. It is the Grower's responsibility to ensure they have obtained and continue to maintain the required certifications to market Regulated Product under each of these specialty production types.
20. Only Primary Quota can be Transferred or Leased. Secondary Quota shall not be Transferred or Leased.

Multiplier Breeder Quota and Breeder By-Product Quota

21. Upon application by a Breeder, the Board may issue Multiplier Breeder Quota or Breeder By-Product Quota to a Person for the marketing of Mature Turkeys.
22. Each Breeder shall apply to the Board on a yearly basis for Multiplier Breeder Quota or Breeder By-Product Quota for the marketing of Mature Turkeys in accordance with TFC's Multiplier Breeder Policy.
23. The issuance of Multiplier Breeder Quota is conditional on the Placement of breeder hens and/or toms in accordance with TFC's Multiplier Breeder Policy.

24. If a Breeder to whom Multiplier Breeder Quota has been issued downsizes or discontinues operations, the Multiplier Breeder Quota issued to it shall revert to the Board.
25. Multiplier Breeder Quota and Breeder By-Product Quota is subject to all Board regulations that apply to Quota including payment of levies, fees, and over-marketing penalties.

Export Regrow Quota

26. An Exporter who has fulfilled all of the conditions set out by TFC and the Board's export policies may apply to the Board for Regulated Product to be grown to replace Regulated Product exported in accordance with those policies.
27. The Board may issue Quota to fulfill these requests, which shall be known as Export Regrow Quota.
28. Export Regrow Quota shall be issued to Growers based on the volume of Regulated Product shipped to the Exporter.
29. Export Regrow Quota is subject to all regulations that apply to Quota including payment of levies, fees, and over-marketing penalties.

Incentive Quota

30. Growers have the option to refuse or accept Incentive Quota.
31. Growers are not eligible to receive Incentive Quota for twelve months following transfer of their Quota to another Grower except in circumstances where a Quota Transfer does not result in an overall change in total Quota holdings within a business unit (e.g., within a corporation).
32. Receipt of Incentive Quota cannot be deferred. Offer and acceptance of Incentive Quota is a one-time opportunity.

Maximum Quota Holdings

33. Associated Growers are considered one Grower for the purposes of this section.
34. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, Quota shall not be issued to any Grower if it results in that Grower holding more than 1,750,000kg of Quota. This amount excludes Export Regrow Quota.
35. The Board may issue two or more Quotas to the same Person provided that the combined Quota on issue to that Person plus the Quota on issue to any Associated Grower(s) does not exceed the Maximum Quota Holdings.
36. When a Grower is a bona fide partnership or corporation, the Board may issue a separate Quota to each partner or voting shareholder proportionate to their partnership interest or voting shares provided that the Quota issued to the partners or voting shareholders does not exceed the Maximum Quota Holdings.

Registration of Quota to Turkey Production Units

37. Quota issued by the Board to a Grower or held for production by a Grower under an Allocation Lease shall be registered to the Turkey Production Unit(s) described in the Grower license application.
38. In situations where a Grower has more than one Turkey Production Unit, the Units as identified by the Premise ID shall be indicated in the Grower's license application and in the Grower Program.
39. Regulated Product shall be kept on and marketed from the Turkey Production Unit(s) described in the Grower license application and Grower Program in a manner consistent with the General Orders.

General Principles of Allocation

40. The Board shall set an Allocation for each Quota Year, expressed in a percentage of all Quota on issue in the Province of British Columbia.
41. The Board may set a different Allocation for each type of Quota.
42. The Allocation is to be based on market conditions as determined by TFC and may be varied by the Board from time to time during the Quota Year.
43. The Allocation for each type of Quota shall be applied to the Quota issued to each Grower.

PART IV – TRANSFERS OF QUOTA

Application for Transfer of Quota

44. Primary Quota may only be Transferred upon application by the Transferor and Transferee to, and with the written approval of, the Board.
45. Secondary Quota may not be Transferred.
46. Upon request of the Transferor, the Board shall circulate a notice to all Growers and post the notice on the Board's website.
47. Applications for Transfer of Quota must be accompanied by:
 - a) the applicable administration fee payable by the Transferor to the Board as set out in Schedule 1;
 - b) the applicable administration fee payable by the Transferee to the Board as set out in Schedule 1; and,
 - c) a letter from the Transferor's Processor or Turkey Broker releasing the applicant from any outstanding obligations with the Processor or Turkey Broker, if applicable.
48. Approved Transfers will be posted on the Board's website for 30 days following approval of the Transfer by the Board.

Limitations on Transfer of Quota

49. The Board may refuse to approve a Transfer of Quota where:
 - a) the Transferor or Transferee is not in compliance with the Orders of the Board from time to time in force and all applicable legislation and regulations;
 - b) the Transferee is not a citizen of Canada, or a permanent resident of Canada, or in the case of a body corporate, not controlled in Canada;
 - c) the Transferee is an individual who is under the age of nineteen years, or a corporation controlled by any individuals under the age of nineteen years, or a partnership with respect to which any individual member is under the age of nineteen years;
 - d) the Transferee is not a Grower or does not plan to become a Grower by the effective date of the Transfer;
 - e) the Transferee has or plans to obtain a loan, guarantee or other financial assistance from a Person other than the Transferor, a savings institution or a Person who, in the opinion of the Board, has no financial interest in the turkey industry;
 - f) the Transferee does not have the required space in their Turkey Production Unit to accommodate the production associated with the Quota; or

- g) the Transfer would result in a Grower holding an amount of Quota that exceeds the Maximum Quota Holdings.

50. The Board may require a Transferee of Quota to be interviewed by the Board.

51. The Board may impose conditions with respect to any approval of a Transfer of Quota.

52. The Board may suspend the approval of Transfers for a definite or indefinite period of time.

Deemed Transfer of Quota

53. A Transfer of Quota issued to a partnership is deemed to occur when a partnership interest is Transferred.

54. A Transfer of Quota issued to a corporation is deemed to occur when:

- a) the shares of that corporation are transferred;
- b) an interest in the shares of that corporation is transferred;
- c) additional shares of that corporation are issued, resulting in a change in the proportion of shares held by each shareholder; or
- d) existing shares of that corporation are redeemed resulting in a change in the proportion of shares held by each shareholder.

55. When the majority voting shares of a corporation which holds quota are to be sold or otherwise disposed of, the Grower must notify the Board of the transfer of ownership by supplying a copy of the share register of the corporation. The Quota of the corporation may be revoked or cancelled upon order of the Board if it is found that such a change in ownership contravenes any regulation of Order of the Board.

Surrender of Quota on Transfer

56. Where the Transferor has acquired Quota within three years from the effective date of the requested Transfer, the Transferor shall surrender to the Board an amount of Quota calculated as follows:

- a) 30% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor within one year from the effective date of the requested Transfer;
- b) 20% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor between one and two years from the effective date of the requested Transfer;
- c) 10% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor within two and three years from the effective date of the requested Transfer.

For the purpose of this section, the Quota being Transferred shall be deemed to be the last Quota acquired by the Transferor.

57. The above section shall not apply where:

- a. The Transferee is a direct family member of the Transferor (spouse, child, or child's spouse);
- b. A Transfer occurs among siblings for reasons related to succession planning and where the Quota being Transferred is and will remain attached to the family farm in question;
- c. Two or more Growers enter into an agreement of partnership and the partnership interest of such Grower is proportionate to the Quota registered in that Grower's name; or,
- d. The amount of Quota deemed to have been allotted to a Grower having an interest in partnership remains registered in the Grower's name upon dissolution of the partnership.

58. Where the Transferor has acquired Quota through the New Entrant Program, the Transferor shall surrender to the Board an amount of Quota calculated as follows:

- a) 100% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor through the New Entrant Program within one year from the effective date of the requested Transfer;
- b) 90% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor through the New Entrant Program between one and two years from the effective date of the requested Transfer;
- c) 80% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor through the New Entrant Program between two and three years from the effective date of the requested Transfer;
- d) 70% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor through the New Entrant Program between three and four years from the effective date of the requested Transfer;
- e) 60% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor through the New Entrant Program between four and five years from the effective date of the requested Transfer;
- f) 50% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor through the New Entrant Program between five and six years from the effective date of the requested Transfer;
- g) 40% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor through the New Entrant Program between six and seven years from the effective date of the requested Transfer;
- h) 30% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor through the New Entrant Program between seven and eight years from the effective date of the requested Transfer;

- i) 20% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor through the New Entrant Program between eight and nine years from the effective date of the requested Transfer;
- j) 10% of the amount of Quota being Transferred, where such Quota was acquired by the Transferor through the New Entrant Program between nine and ten years from the effective date of the requested Transfer.

For the purpose of this section, the Quota being Transferred shall be deemed to be the last Quota acquired by the Transferor.

PART V – LEASING OF ALLOCATION AND BARN RENTALS

Application for Allocation Lease between Growers

59. Allocation derived from Primary Quota may only be leased upon application to, and with the written approval of, the Board.
60. Allocation derived from Secondary Quota may not be leased.
61. An Allocation Lease is intended to be a short-term or temporary arrangement.
62. Applications for an Allocation Lease must be filed with the Board at least 14 days prior to the date Poult are to be placed and accompanied by the applicable administration fee payable by the Lessee to the Board as set out in Schedule 1.
63. The Lease Rate, payment method, and timing of payment is to be determined between the Growers who have been approved for an Allocation Lease. The Board is not responsible for setting nor enforcing Lease Rates between Growers.
64. Should the Board amend an Allocation for a Quota Year, it is the Lessor's responsibility to ensure they have not leased out more Allocation than they have available to Produce during that Quota Year.

Limitations on Allocation Lease

65. A Grower may lease out their Allocation, or any portion thereof, for a maximum of two consecutive quota years.
66. Allocation Leases exceeding one Quota Year in length, or spanning two or more Quota Years, will not be accepted.
67. Unless the Board orders otherwise, a Registered Grower who leases out 100% of their Allocation for two consecutive years must produce at least 50% of their Allocation in the third and fourth year to be eligible to lease for the next two years.
68. The Board may refuse to approve an Allocation Lease where:
 - a) the Lessee or Lessor is not in compliance with the Orders of the Board from time to time in force and all applicable legislation and regulations;
 - b) the Lessee has leased out 100% or more of their Quota for the preceding two years;
 - c) the Lessor does not have the required Turkey Production Unit space to Produce the Allocation; or,
 - d) the Board deems, in its sole discretion, that the lease is not being used as a short-term or temporary arrangement.
69. Quota granted through the New Entrant Program is not allowed to be leased.

Application for Year End Quota Lease between Growers

70. The Board, at its sole discretion, may allow the use of Year End Quota Leases in situations where a Grower has over or under produced their Allocation.
71. A Year End Quota Lease is intended for inadvertent over or under production.
72. Applications for Year End Quota Leases must be filed with the Board within 10 days following the end of the Quota Year.
73. The Lease Rate, payment method, and timing of payment is to be determined between the Growers who have been approved for a Year End Quota Lease. The Board is not responsible for setting nor enforcing Lease Rates between Growers.

Limitations on Year End Lease

74. The Board may refuse to approve a Year End Quota Lease where:
 - a) the Lessee or Lessor is not in compliance with the Orders of the Board from time to time in force and all applicable legislation and regulations; or
 - b) the Board deems, in its sole discretion, that the Lease is not being used to cover inadvertent over or under production but rather for another purpose.

Application for Barn Rental by a Registered Grower

75. A Registered Grower who wishes to rent a Turkey Production Unit or portion of a Turkey Production Unit to Produce Regulated Product must apply to the Board for approval of a Barn Rental.
76. The Barn Rental must be:
 - a) valid and legally enforceable;
 - b) between the Registered Grower (Tenant) and Landowner;
 - c) valid for a minimum term of four months; and
 - d) accompanied by proof of ownership of the Turkey Production Unit to be rented.
77. Applications for a Barn Rental must be filed with the Board at least 60 days prior to the date Poulets are to be placed and accompanied by the applicable administration fee payable by the Renter to the Board as set out in Schedule 1.
78. The Turkey Production Unit to be rented must be fit for production and meet all requirements set out in the TFC On-Farm Food Safety Program[®] and the TFC Flock Care Program[®].
79. The Rental Rate, payment method, and timing of payment is to be determined between the Registered Growers who have been approved for a Barn Rental. The Board is not responsible for setting nor enforcing Rental Rates.

Limitations on Barn Rental

80. The Board may refuse to approve a Barn Rental where:

- a) the Landowner or Tenant is not in compliance with the Orders of the Board from time to time in force and all applicable legislation and regulations;
- b) the Board has determined, in its sole discretion, that the Registered Grower will not be actively engaged in turkey production at the rented facilities.

81. Registered Growers renting a Turkey Production Unit are to:

- a) remain actively engaged in the business of farm operations including keeping flock records, entering into a Grower Program each year, and maintaining a Valid License;
- b) be responsible for all revenues and expenses associated with the flocks being raised in the rented facilities including Poult costs, feed costs, and revenue from turkey sales; and,
- c) complete all audits and meet compliance requirements of the TFC On-Farm Food Safety Program[®] and the TFC Flock Care Program[®].

PART VI – PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

Obligation to Produce

82. The Board may cancel all or any part of the Quota issued to a Grower who ceases to Market the Regulated Product for more than two consecutive years without a Board-approved Barn Rental in place.

Production Sleeve

83. Each Quota Year, Growers are entitled to a Production Sleeve equivalent to 5% of their Allocation to a maximum of 25,000kg to enable them to carry over or under production into the following Quota Year.

84. The Production Sleeve is calculated using a Grower's Allocation for the Quota Year, including carry forward from the previous Quota Year, and excluding any Lease or Export Credits from the current year.

Example:

(a)	Current Quota Year Allocation	170,000kg
(b)	Carry Forward from Previous Quota Year	8,750kg
((a) + (b)) * 5% = (c)	Current Quota Year Production Sleeve	8,937.50kg

85. A Grower who leases out 100% of their Allocation for the year is not eligible for a Production Sleeve to carry under or over production into the next Quota Year.

86. If a Grower markets Regulated Product that exceeds their Allocation by an amount equal to or less than their Production Sleeve for that Quota Year, the Grower's Allocation for the next Quota Year shall be reduced by the amount of the excess production.

Overmarketing Penalties

87. If a Grower markets Regulated Product that exceeds their Allocation in a Quota Year by more than their Production Sleeve, the Grower's Allocation for the next Quota Year shall be reduced by their Production Sleeve plus twice the number of kilograms by which the excess exceeded their Production Sleeve. The Grower may also subject to overmarketing charges as outlined in Schedule 1.

Operational Standards

88. Every Grower must comply with:

- the TFC On-Farm Food Safety Program[®];
- the TFC Flock Care Program[®];
- BC Poultry Biosecurity Protocols; and,

- d) the *Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys* published by the National Farm Animal Care Council;
- 89. The Board may designate a Person or Persons to ensure Grower compliance with the programs and protocols listed above. The Board authorizes this Person to issue Corrective Action Requests in relation to any matter noted during the compliance and enforcement process.
- 90. The Board may, in accordance with Part XII of the General Orders, suspend or cancel the license held by, or Quota issued to, a Grower who has been determined by the Board to be non-compliant with any of the programs or protocols listed above or to a Grower who fails to address a Corrective Action Request issued by a Person designated by the Board.

Disease Reporting

- 91. Every Grower must report to the Board the presence of an infectious disease at their owned or rented Turkey Production Unit that could potentially affect the health of their Regulated Product or Regulated Product on other farms in BC. This includes but is not limited to the diseases stipulated under the Government of British Columbia's Reportable and Notifiable Disease Regulation under the *Animal Health Act* and the Government of Canada's Reportable Diseases Regulations under the *Health of Animals Act*.
- 92. Diseases to be reported to the Board include some diseases that are not found in the provincial or federal government regulations such as histomoniasis (blackhead).
- 93. If the Board believes that the presence of a disease reported to the Board may negatively affect turkey production within BC or within regions of BC, the Board will notify all Growers, Turkey Brokers, Processors, and Transporters of the following information:
 - a) the type of disease; and,
 - b) the street address of the farm(s) where the disease was detected.

PART VII – TRANSPORTATION AND WEIGHING OF PRODUCT

Transport Orders

94. A Board-issued Transport Order is required for transporting all Regulated Product after it has been placed at a Grower's owned or rented Turkey Production Unit.
95. No Grower shall transport or allow a Transporter to transport on their behalf Regulated Product unless the Grower is in possession of a Transport Order issued by the Board.
96. No Person shall transport Regulated Product from a Grower unless the Person is in possession of a Transport Order issued by the Board.
97. No Processor shall receive Regulated Product from a Grower unless the Processor is in possession of a Transport Order issued by the Board.

Weighing of Product

98. Every Processor shall weigh each Lot of Regulated Product at a Government-certified scale, equipped with a clock and printer.
99. If the scale is not located at the processing facility, the Regulated Product shall be transported directly to the processing facility immediately after it has been weighed.
100. Each Lot of turkeys must be weighed prior to the scheduled processing time agreed to in advance by the Grower and Processor.

Damaged Product

101. A Processor shall not make any deductions or allowances against a Grower for any Regulated Product that is condemned or damaged due to the fault of the Processor.

PART VIII – PRICES AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

Minimum Price

102. The price or prices to be paid to Growers for Regulated Product on a kilogram of live weight basis shall not be less than the minimum prices fixed and published by the Board from time to time.
103. The minimum prices fixed and published by the Board are FOB the Farm Gate.
104. The minimum prices fixed and published by the Board are to be set for each weight class and grade as follows:

Turkeys in the live weight range on a Flock Average Basis	Grade 'A'	Utility	Ungraded
Turkeys under 6.2 kgs			
Turkeys 6.2 kgs and under 8.5 kgs			
Turkeys 8.5 kgs and under 10.8 kgs			
Turkeys 10.8 kgs and under 13.3 kgs			
Turkeys 13.3 kgs and over			

105. The Board may fix and publish a separate minimum price for Regulated Product that is Certified Organic as follows:

Turkeys in the live weight range on a Flock Average Basis	Price
Certified Organic Turkeys	

106. Each Lot of turkeys must be weighed prior to the scheduled processing time agreed to in advance by the Grower and the Processor.

Timing and Manner of Payment

107. The purchase price payable for Regulated Product shall be paid to the Grower within 14 days following the date of receipt of the Regulated Product.
108. The Processor or Turkey Broker shall make payment to the Grower indicated on the Transport Order corresponding to the Shipment received by the Processor. Payment shall not be made to another Grower or Person for the Shipment received by the Processor.

PART IX – FEES AND LEVIES

Fees and Levies

109. All Persons engaged in the production or marketing of the Regulated Product are required to pay levies on such Regulated Product to the Board within 14 calendar days of the date of Shipment. The levies payable to the Board include levies imposed by TFC and are set out in Schedule 1.
110. The Board shall collect levies on behalf of TFC in amounts and for purposes approved by TFC. Such levies are included in the levy amounts set out in Schedule 1.
111. Fees are fixed and imposed on various services provided by the Board as set out in Schedule 1.

PART X – REPORTING AND INSPECTION

Books, Records and Accounts

112. Every Person licensed by the Board and every Person who otherwise engages in the production, transportation, processing, packing, storage and marketing of the Regulated Product, shall keep complete and accurate books, records and accounts of all matters relating to the production, transportation, processing, packing, storage and marketing of the Regulated Product.
113. All books, records and accounts required to be kept must be retained for a period of two years and shall be available for inspection by:
 - a) the Board;
 - b) any officer or auditor of the Board; and
 - c) any other Person as may be authorized by the Board from time to time to make an inquiry, report or corrective action request.

Provision of Information and Inspection

114. Every Person licensed by the Board and every Person who otherwise engages in the production, transportation, processing, packing, storage and marketing of the Regulated Product shall, upon request, furnish to the Board, or to any officer or auditor of the Board, or to any other Person as may be authorized by the Board from time to time to make any inquiry, report or Corrective Action Request, any information or documentation relating to the production, transportation, processing, packing, storage and marketing of the Regulated Product.
115. Every Person licensed by the Board and every Person who otherwise engages in production, transportation, processing, packing, storage and marketing of the Regulated Product shall make specific answers to any questions submitted to that Person by the Board, or by any officer or auditor of the Board, or by any other Person as may be authorized by the Board from time to time to make an inquiry, report or Corrective Action Request.

Hatchery and Poult Broker Reporting to Board

116. Every Hatchery and Poult Broker shall, no later than the Monday a sale of Poulets, report to the Board the following:
 - a) the name of the Person to whom the Poulets were sold;
 - b) the Person's license number if they are a Grower or Direct Vendor;
 - c) the address where the Poulets were delivered;
 - d) the number and type (hen or tom) of Poulets sold; and,

- e) the price per unit at which the Poult were sold, with poult price and services (vaccination, beak treatment, etc.) clearly separated.

117. All Poult sold or placed by a Hatchery or Poult Broker must be reported to the Board, including sales or placements of 50 or fewer Poult.

Agency Reporting to Board

118. Every Agency that engages in Slaughter of Regulated Product shall, within the week following Slaughter, report to the Board the following for each Shipment received from a Grower or Direct Vendor:

- a) the number of turkeys Slaughtered;
- b) the name, address, and license number of the Grower or Direct Vendor;
- c) the price paid to the Grower per kilogram of live weight (if applicable);
- d) the total live weight of each Shipment; and
- e) the percentage of Grade A and other grades by weight class.

Grower Reporting to Board

119. Every Grower shall prepare an annual Grower Program to be reviewed and signed by their Processor or Turkey Broker and Hatchery or Poult Broker. The fully signed Grower Program is to be filed with the Board by the 31st day of January each year, effective for the upcoming Quota Year.

120. Any amendments to the Grower Program, including those that are a result of changes to the provincial Allocation, must be agreed to by all parties indicated on the Grower Program and filed with the Board immediately.

121. Every Grower shall, within the week following Placement, report to the Board the following for each Placement received from a Hatchery:

- a) the Grower's name and phone number;
- b) the address where the Regulated Product is being grown;
- c) the name of the Hatchery or Poult Broker who supplied the Poult;
- d) the date the Poult were received;
- e) the number and type of Poult placed;
- f) the anticipated date(s) that the Regulated Product will be Marketed;
- g) the name of the Agency to whom the Regulated Product will be shipped; and
- h) the name of the Transporter who will be shipping the Regulated Product to the Agency.

PART XI – PROHIBITIONS

Hatcheries and Poult Brokers

122. No Hatchery or Poult Broker shall offer, sell, or otherwise distribute more than 50 Poulets in a Quota Year to a Person who does not have a Valid License from the Board as either a Grower or Direct Vendor.
123. No Hatchery or Poult Broker shall offer, sell, or otherwise supply more than 300 Poulets in a Quota Year to a Person who is not a Grower.

Growers

124. No Grower shall market any Regulated Product that has been placed under one Grower license under any other Grower license without prior written consent of the Board.
125. No Grower shall produce or market any Regulated Product in excess of their Allocation.
126. No Grower shall deliver, sell, offer to deliver, or sell any Regulated Product other than to an Agency who has a Valid License.

Processors

127. No Processor shall receive Regulated Product unless that product was produced by:
 - a) a Grower who is the holder of a Valid License issued by the Board and has an allotment of Quota in accordance with the Orders of the Board;
 - b) a Direct Vendor who is the holder of a Valid License issued by the Board; or
 - c) a Person who is raising less than 50 turkeys in a Quota Year for personal consumption.
128. No Processor shall receive Regulated Product from a Transporter who is not the holder of a Valid License issued by the Board.
129. No Processor shall receive Regulated Product unless it is a government-inspected and certified facility.

Transporters

130. No Transporter shall transport Regulated Product unless the Grower from whom they are transporting Regulated Product is in possession of a Transport Order issued by the Board authorizing and directing the transportation of the Regulated Product.

PART XII – COMPLIANCE

License Classes

131. The Board may issue annual licenses as follows:

- a) Class I License: may be issued on an initial application to the Board or on any subsequent application if the applicant has not had a license of any class suspended or cancelled by the Board
- b) Class II License: may be issued if a license of any class is suspended or cancelled
- c) Class III License: may be issued if a license of any class is suspended or cancelled

Suspension or Cancellation of License

- 132. In addition to any other remedies available to the Board in respect of a contravention of the General Orders, the B.C. Act, the B.C. Regulation or other relevant legislation, the Board may suspend or cancel the licence held by, or Quota allotted to, a Person determined by the Board to be in contravention.
- 133. Where a licence has been suspended for a definite period for a contravention and that contravention has not been rectified within the period of suspension and the contravention continues, the Board may forthwith cancel the licence.
- 134. A Grower or Direct Vendor whose licence has been suspended may not place, grow, or ship turkeys during the period of suspension.
- 135. The Board may suspend or revoke the Multiplier Breeder Quota of a Breeder that fails to operate in accordance with TFC's Multiplier Breeder Policy.

PART XIII – COMMITTEES

Appointment of Advisory Committees

136. The Board may appoint advisory committees whose function shall be to advise and make non-binding recommendations to the Board on matters relating to the operation and administration of these General Orders or on matters relating to the objectives and functions of the Board. The Board may also terminate appointments to such advisory committees and disband such advisory committees where it deems appropriate.
137. The Board may determine the structure of such advisory committees and establish the terms of reference under which such advisory committees shall operate.

PART XIV – MISCELLANEOUS

Forms

138. The Board may prescribe forms to be used regarding any matters under these General Orders and may, from time to time, delete, revise, add to, or replace such forms.

Revocation and Transition

139. The Board General Orders and Regulations 2023 is hereby revoked, but such revocation shall not affect any offences committed or any penalty incurred under the General Orders and Regulations 2023 so revoked.

Commencement

140. These General Orders come into effect on April 27, 2025.

DATED AT SURREY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, THIS 10th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TURKEY MARKETING BOARD



K. Solanki, Chair



J. Krahm, Vice Chair



D. Etsell, Member



R. Redekop, Member

SCHEDULE 1 – FEES, LEVIES AND CHARGES

1. All Levies and Fees listed are in Canadian dollars and subject to applicable taxes.

Service Fees

2. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the required service fees are as follows:

Service	Payer	Applicable Fee
Annual Class I License	Applicant	\$100.00
Annual Class II License	Applicant	\$500.00
Annual Class III License	Applicant	\$1,000.00
New Entrant Application	Applicant	\$100.00 + GST
Quota Transfer	Transferor	\$100.00 + GST
Quota Transfer	Transferee	\$100.00 + GST
Allocation Lease	Lessee	\$100.00 + GST
Barn Rental	Renter	\$100.00 + GST

Levies

3. Levies on Regulated Product marketed through Primary and Secondary Quota of any type except for Breeder By-Product Quota shall be \$0.045 per kilogram live weight.
4. Levies on Regulated Product marketed through Breeder By-Product Quota shall be \$0.2325 per kilogram live weight.
5. Levies and applicable taxes on Regulated Product are to be deducted from the proceeds of the sale of Regulated Product by each Agency through which the Regulated Product is marketed and remitted to the Board within 14 days after the date of receipt of the Regulated Product by the Agency.

Overmarketing Charges

6. All Growers and Breeders who market Regulated Product that exceeds their Allocation in a Quota Year by more than their Production Sleeve shall pay an increased levy equal to \$0.40 per kilogram live weight plus applicable taxes on the excess production.

SCHEDULE 2 – NEW ENTRANT PROGRAM

New Entrant Program Overview

1. The Board has established a New Entrant Program (NEP) to support eligible Persons who would like to enter the turkey industry and eligible Direct Vendors who wish to increase their turkey production by providing access for up to 17,500 kilograms of Quota.

Application

2. A Person may apply for the NEP at any time by filing with the Board:
 - a) an application form, obtainable from the Board, completed in full and signed by the applicant; and
 - b) a non-refundable application fee as set out in Schedule 1.
3. A Person seeking to participate in the NEP must have the following qualifications:
 - a) a genuine intention to be actively engage in turkey production;
 - b) be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
 - c) be a permanent resident in the Province of British Columbia;
 - d) be at least 19 years of age at the time of application;
 - e) neither the applicant nor the Spouse of the applicant may have, or have had at any time, any financial interest in Quota, allotted or granted by any supply management commodity board or commission in Canada, whether directly or indirectly, or through any organization or entity; and
 - f) be listed as an owner or co-owner on title for a property suitable for raising turkeys whereby no other Persons listed on title have or have had at any time, any financial interest in Quota, allotted or granted by any supply management commodity board or commission in Canada, whether directly or indirectly, or through any organization or entity.
4. An applicant for the NEP may be a spousal partnership in which case each spousal partner must qualify under paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).
5. Spouses may submit only one application.

Review

6. Persons who submit a complete application to the Board, and whereby the Board deems the application acceptable are to be placed on a waitlist.
7. The Board may extend NEP invitations to Person(s) on the waitlist as Quota becomes available from increases in BC's provincial allocation and quota transfer assessments.
8. Once a waitlisted Person is notified of their invitation to the NEP, they are required to submit the following to the Board within three months from the date of notification:

- a) A detailed account of their experience raising poultry including location of operations, level of involvement in production, poultry type and flock size;
- b) Information concerning the proposed farm location and building(s);
- c) A 5-year business plan which includes details for producing, processing, and (if applicable) marketing turkeys;
- d) Two letters of reference, at least one of which speaks to the applicant's agricultural experience and/or education; and,
- e) A brief essay which answers the questions: "why do you want to be a turkey farmer and how will this NEP assist you to enter the turkey industry?"

Entry in the NEP

- 9. Following receipt and review of the required information and documentation, the Board may invite the applicant for an interview.
- 10. The Board may then invite the applicant to enter the NEP.
- 11. Where an applicant is invited by the Board to become an entrant to the NEP, the following provisions apply:
 - a) the entrant shall pay to the Board a refundable deposit of \$5,000 within 3 months from the date of invitation;
 - b) the entrant shall obtain a Valid License from the Board of the appropriate type and class within one year from the date of invitation;
 - c) the entrant must request and pass an inspection of their Turkey Production Unit by a representative of the Board within two years from the date of invitation;
 - d) the entrant must commence production within two years from the date of the invitation, failing which the entrant's participation in the NEP shall be terminated; and,
 - e) the entrant must pass certification of the Flock Care Program and On-Farm Food Safety Program.
- 12. Failure to complete the provisions outlined in subsection 11 may result in the forfeiture of the \$5,000 deposit.
- 13. Following successful completion of the provisions outlined in subsection 11, the Board will allot to the entrant up to 17,500kg of New Entrant Quota.

Special Restrictions on Quota Issued Under the NEP

- 14. Quota allotted by the Board under the NEP may be held for production by the entrant only for so long as the entrant:
 - a) permits Board audits of the Turkey Production Unit operation to ensure compliance with Board orders and all applicable legislation, including all terms and conditions of the NEP;
 - b) is in good standing with all applicable Board orders and all applicable legislation, including all terms and conditions of the NEP;

- c) is actively engaged in turkey production; and
- d) is compliant with all applicable requirements under the Flock Care Program and On-Farm Food Safety Program.

15. Failing which the Quota so allotted shall thereupon be subject to immediate cancellation on notice by the Board to the entrant.

Determination as to Whether the Entrant is Actively Engaged in Turkey Production

16. The Board will determine, in its sole discretion, whether an entrant is actively engaged in turkey production for the purposes of the NEP. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board will have regard to the following factors:

- a) whether the entrant is active in the day-to-day affairs of the Turkey Production Unit, including matters of animal husbandry;
- b) whether the entrant operates and controls the Turkey Production Unit;
- c) whether the entrant owns the Turkey Production Unit;
- d) whether the entrant pays for Poulets, feed and other farm supplies utilized on the Turkey Production Unit; and
- e) whether the entrant enjoys the chance of profit and bears the risk of loss in relation to the operations of the Turkey Production Unit.

17. For the purpose of determining whether the entrant is actively engaged in the production of turkeys, the Board shall have regard to the substance and effect of any arrangement made between the entrant and any other Person, irrespective of the form of that arrangement.

18. Where it appears to the Board that the entrant is primarily engaged in the business of administering Quota allotted under the NEP, and that some other Person is primarily engaged in the business of turkey production associated with that Quota, the entrant shall be deemed not to be actively engaged in turkey production.

SCHEDULE 3 – DIRECT VENDOR PROGRAM

Direct Vendor Program Overview

1. Under the Direct Vendor Program (DVP), Direct Vendors who hold a Valid License issued by the Board are designated as Agencies through which Regulated Product can be processed, packed, stored, and marketed.

Allowances

2. Production by Direct Vendors under the DVP shall be known as a “Direct Vendor Allowance” and shall not be considered to be Quota.
3. The Direct Vendor Allowance is placement of 300 or fewer Poulets in one Quota Year.
4. Direct Vendor Allowances are not transferable and cannot be leased.
5. Direct Vendor licenses are limited to one per:
 - a) Family;
 - b) Turkey Production Unit; and
 - c) Legal Land Description.
6. Direct Vendors shall market Regulated Product through any of the following channels:
 - a) their Farm Gate;
 - b) Farmer’s market;
 - c) Independent butcher shop; and
 - d) Independent restaurant.

Prohibitions

7. Direct Vendors shall not market Regulated Product to:
 - a) Other Direct Vendors;
 - b) Growers;
 - c) Wholesalers;
 - d) Turkey Brokers;
 - e) Processors;
 - f) Retail grocery chains; or
 - g) Commercial foodservice chains.
8. Direct Vendors may not operate on property that is either owned or leased by a Grower.