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Industry Communiqué

Load Out Forms – signatures again required

During the COVID-19 pandemic the Board removed the requirement for signature on the load out documentation. Now that the Public Health Officer has lifted most of the restrictions surrounding COVID 19, the requirement for signatures is being reinstated effective with quota period A-176 (shipments commencing May 8, 2022).

Signatures are required under *Part 10 Delivery to a Processors* of the BCCMB General Orders which states:

- 10.1 *At the time of catching/load out of chicken, the grower or his/her representative must be present to observe at the beginning, at the end and at least once during the catching process.*
- 10.2 *During the catching and load out process the prescribed form must be completed jointly by the grower or the grower's representative and the individual in charge of the catching crew. The completed form must be submitted to the BCCMB, the grower and the processors by the catching crew within 3 days of shipment.*

This communiqué is intended to serve notice that effective with the first shipment in period A-176, load out reports that are missing the growers' signature will be flagged by BCCMB staff and dealt with under *Part 52 Failure to Comply* of the General Orders as follows:

- 52.2 *Where a grower fails to comply with General Orders governing the submission of prescribed forms or other required documentation or timely remittance of all funds owing to the Board, the production allotment to the grower for the next unallocated period following that in which the failure to comply occurred will be reduced by the Board:*
 - a. *In the case of a second occurrence, by 250 kilograms of chicken live weight; and*
 - b. *In the case of a third or any subsequent occurrence, by 10% reduction equivalent to the amount of quota hold by a grower on the grower's allotment in each subsequent unallocated period until compliance is achieved to the satisfaction of the Board.*

The first instance of a missing signature on a load out report will result in a letter advising that a grower is not in compliance with *Part 10 Delivery to a Processor* and the action to be taken under *Part 52 Failure to Comply* for repeated noncompliance.



Avian Influenza

Avian Influenza appears to be crossing North America from East to West affecting turkeys, laying hens and all types of poultry. It has now reached the Province of Alberta. Growers should be hyper vigilant in their bio-security measures and contact their vet, hatchery and the Board Office should any issues arrive. More information can be found on the website and in the BCCMB bi-weekly newsletter. More communiques will be sent as required on this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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