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Mr. Darren Ference, Chair
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Dear Mr. Ference,

Re: "Bridge" Allocation Proposals over 136.0 Mkgs

The TFO Board of Directors wishes to register its views on potential "bridge" allocation proposals should an allocation above 136.0 Mkgs be required and a new national commercial allocation policy not be in place.

Members will recall that since the previous policy was suspended at the 260th TFC meeting in November 2019, quota orders that have been subsequently voted on by the TFC Board of Directors for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 control periods have not been underpinned by any policy, but rather a series of one-off negotiations among the membership:

- In April 2020, 2020-21 allocation was set at 136.0 Mkgs (down from 146.6 in 2019-20), which included Ontario taking a disproportionately large 56.9% (6.0 Mkgs) share of the allocation cut.
- In May 2020, the 2020-21 allocation was further reduced to 126.0 Mkgs on a pro-rata basis.
- In January 2021, the 2021-22 allocation was set at 134.0 Mkgs, on a pro-rata basis.

At this time, in the absence of a new allocation policy, no method has been established or agreed to on how provincial allocations should continue to be set, should an allocation above 136.0 Mkgs be required.

TFO will not support the adoption of any bridge allocation proposals for use in any control period from 2022-23 onward. The Allocation Policy Review Committee has now been at work for five years (since 2016) without any new policy being adopted by the TFC Board of Directors. Continuing to set future control period allocations without an allocation policy in place that takes into account the Proclamation criteria leaves the Agency's quota regulation submissions vulnerable to a complaint to Farm Products Council of Canada that could be successful. A sense of urgency is now needed among the committee members to complete its work and return an allocation policy proposal to the TFC Board, in time for when 2022-23 allocation decisions are considered.

We look forward to working with our colleagues at the TFC with all due haste to complete a national allocation policy that upholds the principles of supply management and encourages innovation, growth in the consumption of turkey products and takes into account the criteria set out in the Proclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Ricker, TFO Chair