



Registered Premises Standards Policy

amended October 2023

(Formerly New Production Facilities or Renovated for the Use of Egg Production or for Raising Pullets)

INTRODUCTION

1. This policy applies to all new or renovated registered premises, unless otherwise indicated, all of which must be in compliance with the *Start-Clean Stay-Clean™* and *Animal Care* programs.
2. Farmers must notify Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO), in writing, not less than twelve (12) months in advance of any proposed new builds, substantial modifications or renovations.
3. Farmers shall at all times maintain the registered premises in a safe and tidy condition with all related equipment properly located, installed and maintained in good working order with all appropriate user/visitor safeguards.
4. Farmers must notify EFO if the registered premise no longer meets the requirements of this policy.
5. Farmers should consult with industry partners such as egg grading stations, feed suppliers, hatcheries and others to ensure the standards in this policy are met.

DRIVEWAY REQUIREMENTS

6. Driveways must:
 - a) be built and maintained to safely accommodate the passage of equipment, trucks and personnel;
 - b) be a minimum of twelve (12) feet wide with a clearance height of not less than fourteen (14) feet, five (5) inches throughout;
 - c) provide a turnaround area or alternative driveway design as per Appendix A as reversing trucks on roadways is not permitted;
 - d) have a minimum of one hundred (100) feet of graded area up to the loading dock as per Appendix B; and
 - e) be maintained year-round, including snow and ice removal, winter driveway marking, vegetation clearance, debris management, surface maintenance, control of aggressive animals and ensuring unobstructed movement of personnel and vehicles.

REGISTERED PREMISES REQUIREMENTS

7. Any existing registered premises that does not have a concrete pad or paved surface or hen loading dock must:
 - a) have hen loading doors a minimum of eight (8) feet wide and a concrete pad base measuring a minimum of sixteen (16) feet by sixteen (16) feet with an appropriate slope to be in place by not later than December 31, 2024.
8. Any existing registered premise must provide:
 - a) exterior lighting in all loading areas;
 - b) eavestrough installed above loading doors, where required; and
 - c) for egg shipment, loading doors shall be at least eight (8) feet by eight (8) feet to enable the egg truck to connect to the egg cooler with rubber bumpers to prevent trailer damage as per Appendix C and be positioned no less than fifty (50) inches above grade as no below grade docks are permitted.
 - d) access to non-residential washroom facilities that are well lit, private, equipped with toilet paper, proper hand hygiene facilities, including running water with soap/hand sanitizer, all maintained in a sanitary condition.
 - e) a backup generator is required in the event of a power failure.
9. A loading dock for eggs shall be either:
 - a) a purpose-built concrete structure above grade as per the example in Appendix C; or
 - b) an enclosed mechanical lift to reach an elevation of fifty (50) inches or greater as per the example in Appendix C.



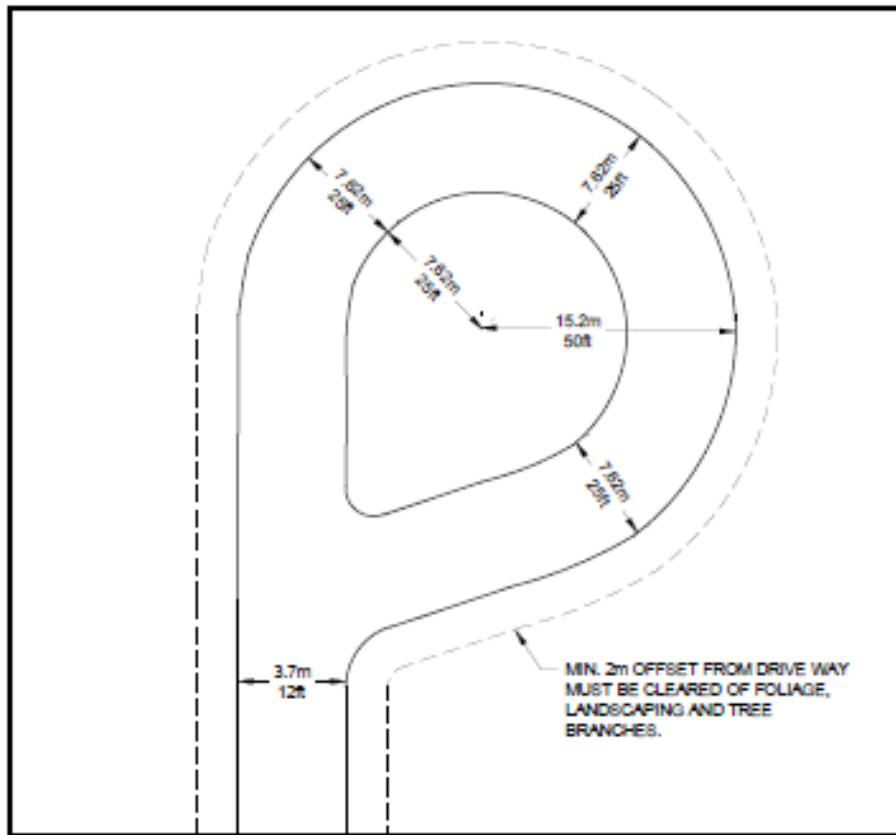
EGG COOLER REQUIREMENTS

10. An egg cooler that is accessible from outside the production unit without hindering truck access to the loading dock to accommodate the flock's production between pick up dates, plus at least one (1) day's extra production and packing supplies, is required.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS 2023 – 2028

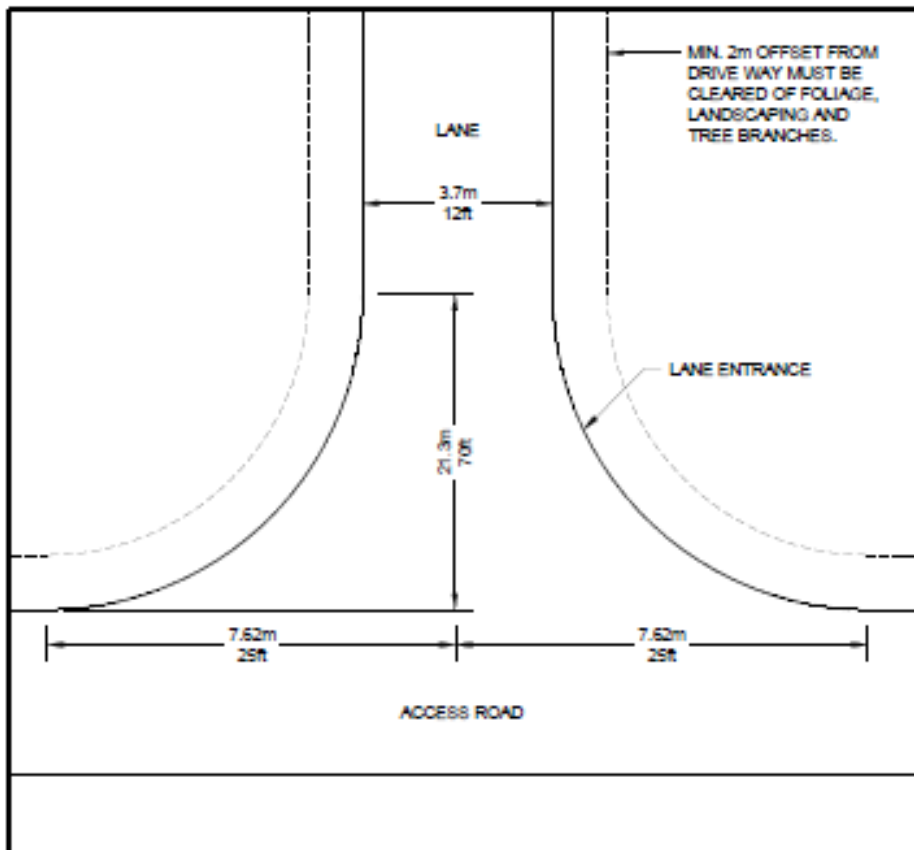
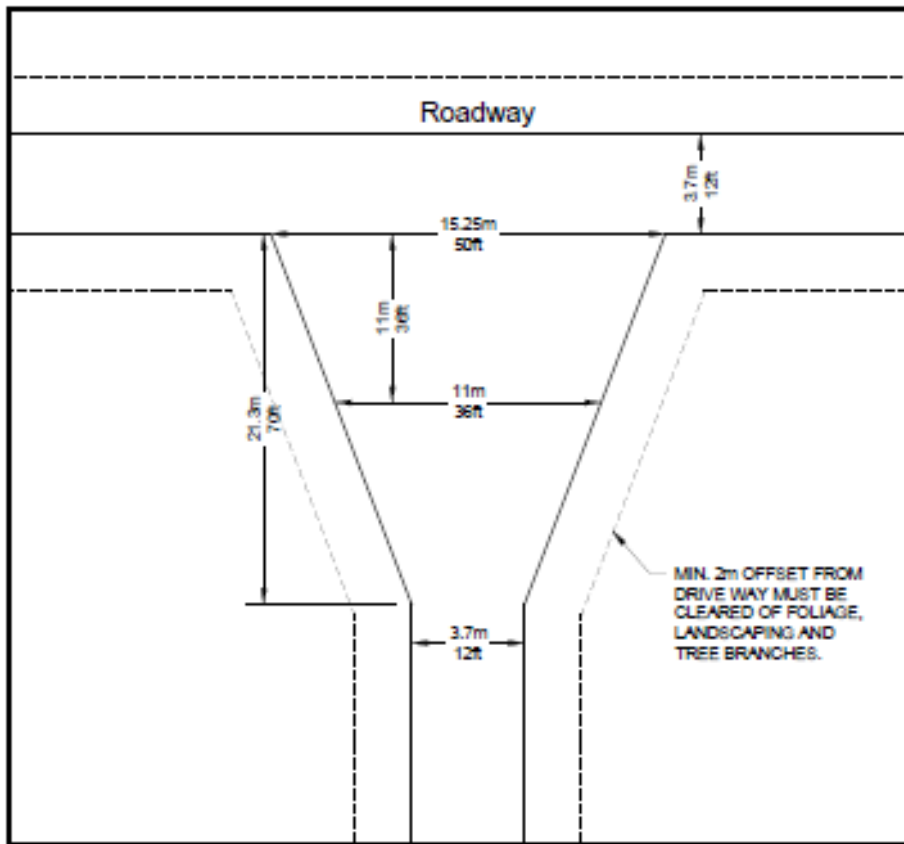
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 - a) egg loading docks will be mandatory effective January 1, 2029, allowing farmers a five (5) year phase in period; and
 - b) farmers without egg loading docks that require ground pick up will be subject to a fee per dozen, administered and payable to the grading station, until December 31, 2028. Effective January 1, 2024 the fee is \$0.006 per dozen; the fee for 2025 up to and including 2028 will be the actual cost as verified by your grader.

APPENDIX A – DRIVEWAY EXAMPLES



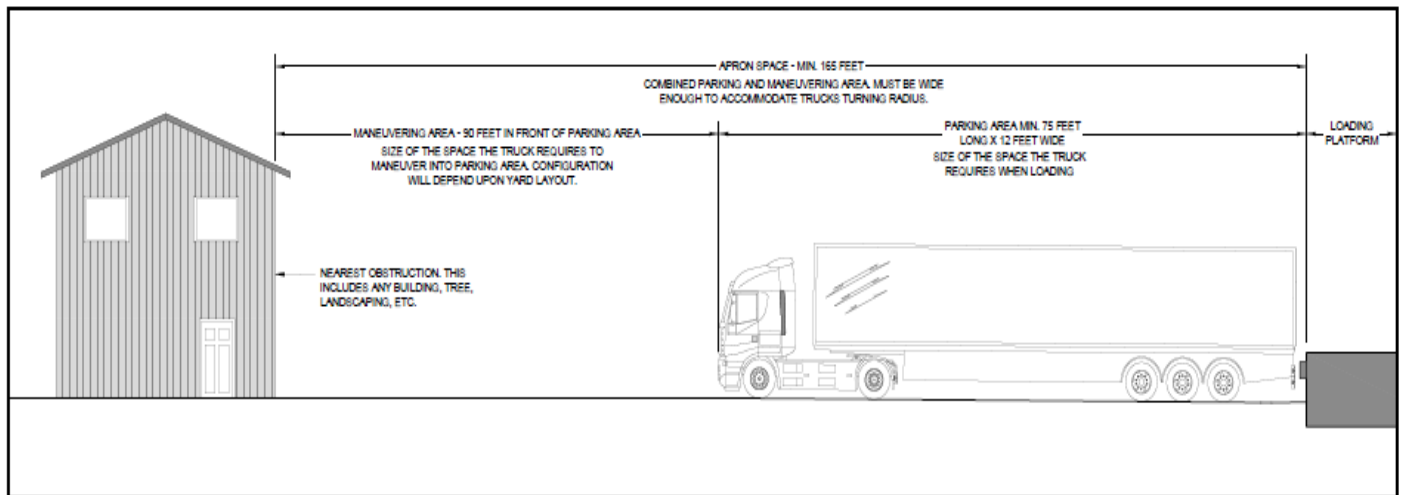


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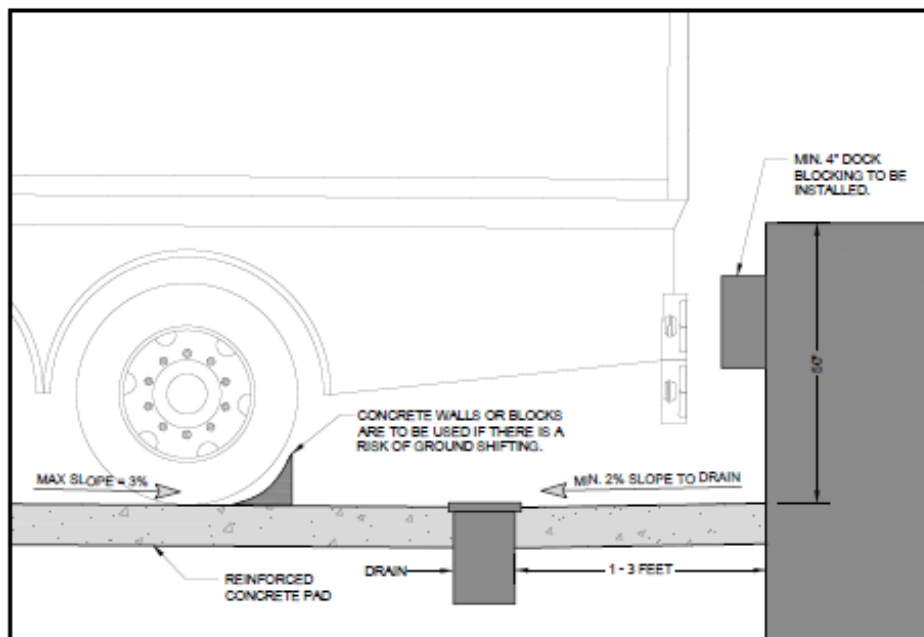




APPENDIX B – TRUCK CLEARANCE EXAMPLE



APPENDIX C – LOADING DOCK REQUIREMENTS FOR LOADING EGGS





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