



## Good Standing Policy

### **APPLICATION AND PURPOSE**

1. Egg and pullet farmers are required to maintain a “Good Standing” status at all times.
2. “Good Standing” means an egg or pullet farmer who;
  - a. is in conformity with all EFO Regulations, Policies, Programs, Directions and decisions
  - b. is not in contravention of any other laws or regulations impacting the production or marketing of eggs or pullets as may be determined by the Board;
  - c. has filed all reports and other documentation with EFO within prescribed times; and
  - d. is current in the payment of all licence fees, levies and any other amounts owing to EFO or EFC.
3. This policy sets out the process that will be followed if a farmer is deemed not to be in Good Standing and the implications to the farmer until good standing status is achieved.

### **PROCESS FOR FARMER GOOD STANDING REVIEW**

- EFO staff will notify any egg or pullet farmer determined not to be in Good Standing specifying the date and basis for such determination and any corrective action required to be taken within a specified time frame.
- Such notice may be given verbally and, if so, will be followed up with written notice by email or regular mail.
- An egg or pullet farmer who disagrees with the not in Good Standing determination shall, within two (2) business days, notify EFO in writing along with any explanation.
- If EFO staff accepts the notice and the explanation offered, the egg or pullet farmer shall be advised that the not in Good Standing determination has been waived.
- If EFO staff does not accept the notice or the explanation offered, the egg or pullet farmer shall be notified that the matter will be referred to the EFO Board for a decision.
- Upon satisfactory completion of any required corrective actions, EFO staff will notify the egg or pullet farmer that Good Standing has been restored.
- Notwithstanding this Good Standing Policy, an egg or pullet farmer subject to any mandatory corrective actions pursuant to an On-Farm Food Safety, Animal Welfare, or EQA related matter is not in Good Standing and must follow the process for resolution with the EFO field inspection team in accordance with applicable policy.

### **IMPLICATIONS OF NOT BEING IN GOOD STANDING**

An egg or pullet farmer while not in Good Standing will not;

- a) be able to participate in any QTS;
- b) be able to participate in any EFO programs including any EFO relief programs;
- c) be eligible for any announced growth units;
- d) be eligible for a pullet or special layer lease; and
- e) may be subject to further sanctions, including cancellation, reduction or refusal to allot egg or pullet quota or suspension or cancellation of their licence as may be determined by EFO.

Note: This policy applies to a specific registered premise(s) noted in the staff communication to the farmer.