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## Bacteria Control Fund Policy

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The Bacteria Control Fund was established by Egg Farmers of Ontario in 1997. It consists of contributions made by egg producers, pullet producers, hatcheries and contractors between December 28, 1997 and December 28, 1999 after which no further contributions were required.

### **PRINCIPLE:**

The Bacteria Control Fund may be used by Egg Farmers of Ontario to compensate producers who have suffered losses due to salmonella related incidents and S.e. infected premises.

### **CONDITIONS:**

The costs that may be reimbursed from the Bacteria Control Fund include the following items respecting pullets slaughtered during their normal growing period provided all claims are supported by appropriate invoices with costs based on the number of pullets slaughtered:

- (a) cost of chicks
- (b) cost of services, including vaccination, beak trimming etc.
- (c) growing fee
- (d) feed costs to time of slaughter
- (e) medication costs, and
- (f) disposal costs

Clean up costs will be dealt with as received, on a case-by-case basis.

The cost of vaccination, where recommended to limit shedding, is also eligible for consideration.

Due to the acknowledged difficulty of eliminating such infections from a poultry facility, contamination of two consecutive flocks in the same barn would be considered for compensation from the Fund, provided that any subsequent claims would be carefully scrutinized before any compensation could be recommended.

### **COMPLIANCE:**

Any producer who has suffered such losses who is in good standing may apply to the Board requesting compensation. To be in good standing, a producer must be in conformity with all EFO Regulations, Policies, Orders and Directions; have filed all necessary reports with the Board office; be up-to-date in payment of all licence fees, levies and any other amounts owing to EFO; and have taken all necessary steps to stop or reduce the chances of the contamination re-occurring or spreading to eggs or other egg or pullet production facilities, as determined by the Board.