



## Stand-down [Waiver] of Levy Policy

### INTRODUCTION:

This policy is used for the purpose of calculating a waiver or relief from levy when a producer is not in production for longer than one [1] week.

### CONDITIONS:

A written request for a stand-down [waiver] of levy could be considered in the following circumstances:

#### 1. Major renovation of facilities

- Stand-down and hen renovation credit may be used in conjunction with each other.
- Application must be in writing to the Board advising of the nature and extent of the renovations, date the hens will be removed and the 19 week placement date of the new flock.
- The request should be received by the Board no later than thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the renovations.
- A stand-down will not be granted when a renovation involving re-caging provides less than the minimum space per hen specified in the current Code of Practice.
- Stand-downs will not be granted for repairs considered to be normal maintenance.

#### 2. Force majeure – disaster circumstances

- Disaster is defined as fire, disease, suffocation or other calamity resulting from causes that are beyond one's control or that could not be avoided by exercising due care and attention.
- Mortality in excess of 10% of the quota holder's flock will be considered for Per Bird Levy Abatement. (Abatement calculation will begin the first week 10% mortality is reached and calculated on a weekly basis based on actual mortality over 10% to a maximum of 72 weeks of age.)
- A request for stand-down must be submitted to the Board, detailing the loss, within thirty (30) days of mortality loss.

#### 3. To move to a single age operation, all in - all out

- a. A quota holder wishing to move from a multi-age operation to single age, all in-all out, but not requiring major renovations, may request a stand-down.
- b. A stand-down will not be granted when a flock is molted.
- c. The request for a stand-down must be made in writing and should be received by EFO no later than thirty (30) days prior to the planned removal of hens.

#### 4. Other circumstances as determined by the Board

- A quota holder may request permission from the Board in writing to reduce or close down all or part of a facility for a period of time, subject to such terms as the Board may establish.

### COMPLIANCE:

For the purpose of calculating a waiver or relief from levy, the minimum mandatory downtime is considered to be fourteen (14) days or more. (Current Per Bird Levy calculation includes seven (7) days downtime. An additional seven (7) days are mandatory to qualify for the stand-down.) Levy is due on eggs once the replacement flock turns 19 weeks of age.