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## CHAPTER P-14

### POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS ACT

#### HATCHERY AND FLOCK APPROVAL REGULATIONS

Made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under the *Poultry and Poultry Products Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-14

#### PART I

1. In these regulations	Definitions
(a) "Act" means the <i>Poultry and Poultry Products Act</i> R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-14;	Act
(b) "agent " or "broker" means a person, other than a hatchery operator, who sells chicks or receives consignments of chicks for resale or distribution;	agent
(c) "approved flock" means a flock of poultry intended for breeding purposes the birds in which have been inspected, approved and banded or otherwise marked under the Prince Edward Island Flock Approval Policy and as prescribed in these regulations;	approved flock
(d) "baby chicks" means chicks that have never been fed;	baby chicks
(e) "breeder hatchery" means a hatchery wherein the operator hatches only eggs produced on his own premises or eggs of the same class and grade purchased from another breeder for the improvement of the operator's flock but does not include a hatchery wherein custom hatching is done;	breeder hatchery
(f) "chicks" means poultry up to one month of age;	chicks
(g) "commercial hatchery" means a hatchery the operator of which purchases and incubates eggs produced by approved flock owners;	commercial hatchery
(h) "custom hatching" means the hatching of eggs by a hatchery operator for payment where the eggs are not owned by the operator;	custom hatching
(i) "crossbred chicks" means chicks that are the product of a mating of two breeds or varieties of poultry;	crossbred chicks
(j) "disinfectant" means any preparation approved by the Hatchery Committee for the maintenance of proper sanitary control;	disinfectant

District Officer	(k) “District Officer” means the officer of the Department of Agriculture of Canada designated as such for the purpose of these regulations;
flock	(l) “flock” means all poultry on the premises of the owner;
flock approval policy	(m) “flock approval policy” means the Prince Edward Island Flock Approval Policy as approved by the Hatchery Committee for the improvement of poultry by inspection, approval and banding, with suitable sealed one-piece serially numbered leg bands, or otherwise marking of all birds used as breeders on the breeder’s premises;
hatchery approval policy	(n) “hatchery approval policy” means a policy approved by the Hatchery Committee for the identification of hatcheries that conduct their operations in the manner prescribed by these regulations;
Hatchery Committee	(o) “Hatchery Committee” means the Committee appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 15 to administer certain designated regulations under the Act;
hatchery	(p) “hatchery” means any place, building or premises in which eggs are machine incubated if the chicks hatched therein are sold or offered for sale, or any place, building or premises in which custom hatching is done;
inspector	(q) “inspector” means an inspector appointed or designated as such under the Act;
label	(r) “label” means any mark approved by the Hatchery Committee to designate the various grades established by these regulations;
hatching eggs	(s) “hatching eggs” means eggs used for the production of chicks;
Provincial Officer	(t) “Provincial Officer” means a person designated as such for the purposes of these regulations;
progeny tested	(u) “progeny tested” means Record of Performance poultry that have met the requirements for progeny testing;
pullorum tested	(v) “pullorum tested ” means tested for pullorum disease in a manner approved by the Hatchery Committee;
reactor	(w) “reactor” means a bird which shows a positive reaction indicating the presence of pullorum disease when pullorum tested;
registered hatchery	(x) “registered hatchery” means a hatchery to which a license to operate under these regulations has been issued;
R.O.P. policy	(y) “R.O.P. policy” means Record of Performance policy from time to time established pursuant to the <i>Livestock and Livestock Products</i>

*Act* (Canada) R.S.C. 1985, Chap. L-9 and Record of Performance may be referred to as R.O.P.;

- (z) “R.O.P. male” means a cockerel or cock bird that qualified under the R.O.P. policy; R.O.P. male
- (aa) “R.O.P. hatchery” means a hatchery operated by an R.O.P. breeder or a group of R.O.P. breeders; R.O.P. hatchery
- (ab) “R.O.P. breeder hatchery” means a hatchery operated by an R.O.P. breeder when all eggs incubated are from his own flock or from flocks of his own breeding; R.O.P. breeder hatchery
- (ac) “R.O.P. hen” means a female that has qualified under the R.O.P. policy; R.O.P. hen
- (ad) “sexed chicks” means chicks the sex of which has been determined by physical or visual examination; sexed chicks
- (ae) “sexer” means any person who determines the sex of chicks by physical or visual examination; sexer
- (af) “started chicks” means chicks that have been fed. (EC749/57) started chicks

2. These regulations apply to turkey poults and, unless the context otherwise requires, wherever the expression “chicks” occurs the same shall be read and construed as including turkey poults. (EC749/57) Application to turkey poults

## PART II

3. (1) No person shall operate a hatchery of a rated capacity of one thousand eggs or over unless he has been issued a license with respect to such hatchery by the Hatchery Committee, which is in force, authorizing him to do so. Hatchery license
- (2) Except as herein otherwise provided no person shall sell or offer for sale any baby chicks that have not been produced in a hatchery, with respect to which a license is in force. Sale of baby chicks
- (3) Nothing herein shall prevent Exceptions
- (i) total seasonal sales of baby chicks not exceeding five hundred in number, produced in a hatchery with respect to which no license is in force, when such hatchery is ordinarily operated only for the purpose of producing chicks for the use of the owner or operator thereof; or
- (ii) a sale by a broker or agent of baby chicks produced in another province in a hatchery that conforms to and is operated in accordance with the standard prescribed by the regulations from

time to time made under the *Livestock and Livestock Products Act* (Canada). (EC749/57)

Issue of license	<b>4.</b> The Hatchery Committee may grant to any persons a license to operate a hatchery under these regulations if he is satisfied that the hatchery meets the requirements of and will be operated in accordance with these regulations. (EC749/57)
Form	<b>5.</b> Every person desiring a license to operate a hatchery under these regulations may make an application therefor to the Hatchery Committee in such form and in such manner as the Committee may prescribe. (EC749/57)
Refusal of license	<b>6.</b> The Hatchery Committee may refuse a license for a period of one year to any hatcheryman who has been convicted of an offence under Part II of the Act or who has otherwise contravened any provisions of the Act or regulations thereunder. (EC749/57)
Suspension or revocation of license	<b>7.</b> The Hatchery Committee may at any time suspend or revoke the license of any hatcheryman who, in the operation of his hatchery, has in the opinion of the Committee contravened any provisions of the Act or these regulations or of the <i>Livestock and Livestock Products Act</i> (Canada), or the regulations from time to time enforced thereunder. (EC749/57)
Expiration	<b>8.</b> A license under these regulations shall, unless sooner cancelled, remain in force until December 31 next following the date of issue. (EC749/57)
Assignment	<b>9.</b> Licenses issued under these regulations are not assignable. (EC749/57)
Conditions for grant of license	<b>10.</b> Licenses issued under these regulations shall be granted only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) where the premises are suitably constructed so as to provide adequate space for receiving and traying eggs, incubation, and the grading, sexing and packing of chicks; wherever possible each of the above operations shall be carried on in a separate room;</li> <li>(b) where the premises are clean, free from dust and adequately ventilated and lighted, and all doors and windows securely fitted with screens to prevent insect contamination;</li> <li>(c) where the floors, walls and ceiling are constructed of a hard finish and washable material that can be readily cleaned and disinfected;</li> <li>(d) where the incubators are clean and in a suitable state of repair to deliver the standard of heat, humidity and air circulation recommended by the manufacturer;</li> </ul>

- (e) where suitable equipment for weighing eggs and chicks is provided; and
- (f) where the hatchery can provide satisfactory proof that all eggs purchased during the previous season of operation have been paid for in full. (EC749/57)

**11.** For the purpose of the grades and specifications established by these regulations the expression “chicks” does not include “poults”. (EC749/57)

Definition of chicks

**12.** The grades and specifications for Hatching Eggs shall be as follows:

Grades and specifications

#### A-GRADES

##### Breeders Classifications

- (i) The grade “Canadian R.O.P. Pedigreed Hatching Eggs” may be applied to eggs produced by an R.O.P. breeder on his own premises from certified R.O.P. hens qualified to produce such eggs when mated to an R.O.P. pedigreed male or male eligible under the R.O.P. policy for such matings.
- (ii) The grade “Canadian R.O.P. Hatching Eggs” may be applied to eggs produced by an R.O.P. breeder on his own premises from birds of R.O.P. breeding approved for the purpose when mated exclusively to R.O.P. individually pedigreed males or males eligible under the R.O.P. policy for such matings.

##### COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATIONS

- (iii) The grade “Canadian R.O.P. Bred Hatching Eggs” may be applied to eggs produced by an R.O.P. breeder or an approved flock owner on his own premises from matings of R.O.P. females with R.O.P. pedigreed males exclusively.
- (iv) The grade “Canadian R.O.P. Sired Hatching Eggs” may be applied to eggs produced by an R.O.P. breeder or an approved flock owner on his own premises from a mating of females of an approved flock and R.O.P. pedigreed males exclusively.
- (v) The grade “Canadian Approved Hatching Eggs” may be applied to eggs produced by an R.O.P. breeder of an approved flock owner on his premises from a mating of approved females and approved males.
- (vi) Turkey hatching eggs shall be classified in the following grades only: “Canadian R.O.P. Pedigreed, Canadian R.O.P. Sired and Canadian Approved” provided that they are produced in accordance with the above requirements for these grades.

**B-SPECIFICATIONS**

(i) Hatching eggs intended for the production of chicks in registered hatcheries shall, at the time of setting, weigh twenty-four ounces or more per dozen in tray lots and no egg set shall weigh less than at the rate of twenty-three ounces per dozen.

(ii) Hatching eggs intended for the production of turkey poults in registered hatcheries, except in the case of custom hatching, shall at the time of setting weigh at least thirty ounces per dozen in tray lots.

(iii) All hatching eggs set in registered hatcheries shall be clean, sound and typical of the breed in shape and color according to the "American Standards of Perfection". (EC749/57)

Canadian standard  
grades and  
specifications

**13.** The Canadian standard grades for chicks and poults produced under these regulations are as follows:

**A-GRADES****Breeders Classifications**

(i) The grade "Canadian R.O.P. Pedigreed Chicks or Poults" may be applied to chicks or poults produced by an R.O.P. breeder on his own premises from Canadian R.O.P. pedigreed hatching eggs; all such chicks or poults shall carry a numbered wing band bearing the letters "R.O.P." and male birds from this grade only are eligible for banding as R.O.P. at maturity.

(ii) The grade "Canadian R.O.P. Female Chicks" may be applied to chicks produced by an R.O.P. breeder on his own premises from Canadian R.O.P. hatching eggs; all such chicks shall carry a wing band bearing the inscription "R.O.P. Female"; male birds from Canadian R.O.P. hatching eggs are not eligible for banding as R.O.P. at maturity.

(iii) The grade "Canadian R.O.P. Chicks" may be applied to chicks produced in a registered hatchery from Canadian R.O.P. bred hatching chicks.

(iv) The grade "Canadian R.O.P. Sired Chicks or Poults" may be applied to chicks or poults produced in a registered hatchery from Canadian Approved hatching eggs.

(v) Baby chicks intended to be classified in any of the above grades shall within twenty-four hours after hatching, weigh at least eight pounds net per one hundred chicks and shall be vigorous, healthy, uniform in size and true to breed, type and colour.

**B-SPECIFICATIONS**

(i) Turkey poults intended to be classed in any of the above grades shall, within twenty-four hours after hatching, weigh at least ten pounds net per hundred or six pounds per sixty at the time of boxing

and shall be vigorous, healthy, uniform in size and true to breed, type and colour. (EC749/57)

**14.** (1) An R.O.P. breeder may advertise or offer for sale hatching eggs, chicks or poults from various matings from approved flocks.

Advertising and  
sale of non-pedigree  
stock

(2) When the operator of a registered hatchery uses hatching eggs from matings within the same breed or variety other than "R.O.P. Females" mated to "R.O.P. Pedigreed Males", he may, for such period of time as the Hatchery Committee may approve, advertise or offer for sale "Canadian R.O.P. Bred Chicks" or "Canadian R.O.P. Sired Chicks" in that breed or variety, provided that R.O.P. pedigreed males only are used to head the flocks.

Descriptions

(3) When the operator of a registered hatchery uses hatching eggs from matings within the same breed or variety, headed by other than R.O.P. pedigreed males he may for such period of time as the Hatchery Committee may approve, advertise or offer for sale "Canadian R.O.P. Sired Chicks or Poults" or "Canadian Approved Chicks or Poults" within that breed as follows:

*Idem*

(a) "Canadian R.O.P. Sired Chicks" shall be advertised or offered for sale only from flocks headed by R.O.P. pedigreed males exclusively;

(b) "Canadian Approved Chicks" shall be advertised or offered for sale from the flocks not headed by R.O.P. pedigreed males exclusively,

when at least fifty per cent, or such other percentage as the Hatchery Committee may prescribe, of the breeding females from which hatching eggs are drawn are in flocks headed by R.O.P. pedigreed males exclusively. (EC749/57)

**15.** Every operator of a registered hatchery shall operate his hatchery and conduct himself in accordance with the following rules:

Rules of operation  
of hatchery

(a) chicks that do not conform to the grades and specifications prescribed by these regulations shall not be sold or offered for sale;

(b) when buying eggs for incubation or chicks for resale or when accepting eggs for custom hatching, the operator shall buy, sell or accept only the product of approved flocks, which products are of the grades and conform to the specifications set out in these regulations;

(c) prior to the commencement of his hatching operations in any hatching season and not later than August 31st of any year, the operator shall furnish the District Officer with a statement in writing showing the flock owners from whom he intends to purchase hatching eggs and the grade of cockerels heading these flocks; this



statement may be altered from time to time as additional names are added or deleted;

(d) any operator purchasing hatching eggs from flocks outside the province shall, before accepting any hatching eggs from those flocks, supply evidence satisfactory to the District Officer that the flocks from which the eggs originated are of a standard as high as approved flocks;

(e) no operator shall accept hatching eggs unless they are packed in clean packing material and clean egg cases and unless the flock or registered hatchery from which the eggs originated is clearly identified inside or on the outside of the case;

(f) every operator shall, for each lot of eggs purchased for hatching or accepted for custom hatching, secure a statement in writing from the flock owner showing the date of shipment, the name and address of the flock owner, the quantity and grade of the eggs and the breed; these statements shall be signed by the flock owner and shall be retained by the hatchery operator for a period of at least sixty days, and shall be available during that time for examination by an inspector;

(g) an operator selling hatching eggs or having eggs custom hatched shall sell or furnish eggs from an approved flock only and shall supply to the purchaser or person who is to do the custom hatching, a statement signed by the operator identifying the origin of each lot of eggs by the name of the original flock owner or by the invoice number and showing the grade of hatching eggs from each flock; eggs sold or furnished in this manner shall be recorded by each operator in the same manner as for eggs purchased direct from flock owners and set in his own machines;

(h) the operator shall maintain a bookkeeping system satisfactory to the District Officer which shall clearly show

(i) egg purchases and sales,

(ii) results of commercial hatching and custom hatching showing accurately the number of eggs set and chicks hatched,

(iii) chick purchases and sales by grade,

(iv) disposal of surplus chicks,

(v) the particulars of advertising, and

(vi) additional records as required from time to time by the Hatchery Committee; these records shall be kept on forms approved by the Committee and shall at all times be made available to an inspector for inspection;

(i) the operation shall submit to the Hatchery Committee such reports in such form as the Committee may from time to time require;

(j) proofs in triplicate of catalogues, circulars, advertisements and all other publicity material intended to be used by an operator or an agent or broker shall be submitted before publication to the District Officer for approval, together with a list of the publications in which the advertisements will appear; advertising matter approved once may be used for the remainder of the current season provided that there is no change in the status of operations of the hatchery concerned; no changes of any kind shall be made in such advertising except as regards prices; advertising shall be true and correct in all details and shall not contain any statement derogatory to any other operator or class of operators; all advertising matter in catalogues and circulars that carries a reference to anything other than chicks shall contain the following statement in reasonably prominent type; "All statements in this advertisement have received Government approval only insofar as they refer to baby chicks";

(k) all chicks hatched by a registered hatchery operator shall be sold under their proper official grade names as established by these regulations and all display advertisements or advertising where prices are specified for chicks shall show prominently such grade names;

(l) the operator may, when selling or advertising chicks in conjunction with the grade name established by these regulations, use any subgrade name or any brand name if such subgrade name or brand name is descriptive of established inherent characteristics of economic value to poultry production;

(m) when sexed chicks are advertised or offered for sale the percentage of accuracy of the sexing shall be stated and guaranteed;

(n) no owner or operator of a registered hatchery shall have any business with or use his name or his firm's name in connection with any hatchery operating otherwise as a registered hatchery;

(o) every operator who employs a sexer shall provide the sexer with coveralls that will be used in his hatchery. (EC749/57)

**16.** (1) Graded chicks sold by an operator to another operator of a registered hatchery or an agent may be resold as graded chicks. Sale of graded chicks

(2) Every operator shall before and during his hatching season keep the District Officer informed of the names and addresses of any persons acting as his agents or brokers. Agents

(3) Agents or other persons selling chicks for their own account or for the operator of a registered hatchery shall keep accurate records available at all times for inspection by an inspector, and such records shall show in detail and by grades all sales and purchases of chicks. Records

Use of names	(4) Where the operator of a registered hatchery advertises or sells chicks from that hatchery under more than one name, the name or names other than that under which he is registered shall, for the purpose of these regulations, be considered to be an agent or agents of that registered hatchery. (EC749/57)								
Complaints	<b>17.</b> Every person desiring to make a complaint with respect to chicks purchased or delivered by him shall make the complaint to the District Officer within fifteen days of the purchase or delivery. (EC749/57)								
Packing and marking of boxes	<b>18.</b> (1) Each registered hatchery shall be allotted a number and each box of chicks packed by or shipped from that hatchery shall bear the abbreviation "Reg. No." followed by the number allotted to that hatchery, all in black block letters at least one-quarter inch high.								
Grade name	(2) Each box of chicks packed or shipped by a registered hatchery shall be marked with the proper grade name in black block letters at least one-half inch high.								
Labelling	(3) The grade name followed by the registered number of the hatchery shall be printed in a panel measuring one and one-quarter by five inches either across the left end or in the upper left corner of the shipping tag attached to each box of chicks; the colour of the panel for each of the various grades of chicks shall be as follows: <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>R.O.P. Chicks</td> <td>Purple</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.O.P. Bred Chicks</td> <td>Red</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.O.P. Sired Chicks</td> <td>Blue</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Approved Chicks</td> <td>Yellow</td> </tr> </table>	R.O.P. Chicks	Purple	R.O.P. Bred Chicks	Red	R.O.P. Sired Chicks	Blue	Approved Chicks	Yellow
R.O.P. Chicks	Purple								
R.O.P. Bred Chicks	Red								
R.O.P. Sired Chicks	Blue								
Approved Chicks	Yellow								
Registered number	(4) No person operating a hatchery shall use a registered number other than the number assigned to his hatchery.								
Box specifications	(5) Chicks that are hatched and graded according to Canadian standards may be packed only in clean strong boxes made of at least seventy pound weight paper, constructed to afford proper ventilation and of a type approved by the Hatchery Committee; new chick pads shall be used in each box section.								
Hatchery number	(6) Where two or more registered hatcheries are operated by one owner or operator each such hatchery shall be given a registered number for use by that hatchery exclusively. (EC749/57)								
Brooding	<b>19.</b> (1) Where brooding chicks is necessary either because of a surplus or as a started chick business, such brooding operation shall be conducted in separate premises except in the case of a temporary surplus of less than one thousand chicks; separate brooding premises shall provide:								

- (a) cubical air space of approximately .75 of a cubic foot for each chick less than two weeks old;
- (b) a complete change of air in the brooding room at least five times per hour in a manner that will insure freedom from drafts;
- (c) a relative humidity of 65-75 per cent;
- (d) where the brooding premises are adjacent to an incubator room, the exhaust from the brooding room shall discharge into the open atmosphere; in no case shall the air from the brooder room be returned to the incubating room;
- (e) the floors, walls and ceilings of the brooding room shall be of a hard finish and washable material that can be readily washed and disinfected;
- (f) doors, windows and ventilator chutes shall be screened.

(2) Where more than one grade of started chicks are brooded in the same room and no satisfactory record system for grade identification is maintained, the chicks shall be sold as for the lowest grade. (EC749/57) Mixed brood

**20.** (1) Incubators shall be clean and sanitary and in good working order. Incubators

(2) All trays shall be kept clean at all times and hatchery trays shall be dipped in an approved disinfectant and scrubbed between settings. Trays

(3) After each hatch the incubator floors shall be wet-swept and disinfected with an approved disinfectant, and all parts of the incubator that are likely to be contaminated shall be subjected to approved methods of cleaning and fumigation. Disinfection

(4) Garments used by all persons engaged or employed in or about the hatchery to protect their clothing or person shall be clean. Clothing

(5) The operator shall continuously supply to sexers clean working equipment and facilities for hand scrubbing which shall be frequently used by the sexers. Working equipment

(6) Refuse from each hatch shall be promptly removed from the hatchery and shall be disposed of by soaking in an approved disinfectant in the required strength, by burning or other approved method; in no case shall such refuse be disposed of where it may be, directly or indirectly, accessible to domestic or any other birds. Refuse

(7) Refuse containers shall be thoroughly cleaned after the refuse from each hatch is removed; this may be accomplished by the use of water under pressure, by the use of a blow torch or by thoroughly scouring with an approved disinfectant. Refuse containers

Outbreak of disease	(8) In the event of an outbreak or suspected outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease the hatchery operator shall immediately report such outbreak to the District Officer, and shall comply with all instructions issued through him for the purpose of controlling such outbreak.
Cleaning of premises	(9) At the completion of the hatching season the entire premises and equipment shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected within thirty days in a manner satisfactory to the inspector. (EC749/57)
Detention	<b>21.</b> (1) Where chicks are placed under detention an inspector shall attach to one box in each lot a numbered detention tag on which appear the words "Under Detention - Department of Agriculture and Forestry", together with a brief description of such lot, the reason for detention, the date and the inspector's signature.
Notice of detention	(2) Immediately after placing any chicks under detention the inspector shall deliver or mail to the owner of the chicks or his agent a duly completed form of "Notice of Detention"; if such chicks are in premises other than those of the owner a copy of the notice of detention shall be given to the person in whose premises the chicks are found.
<i>Idem</i>	(3) The inspector shall designate in the notice of detention whether the chicks are to be returned to the shipper or are to be directed to other premises in order that there may be compliance with the provisions of these regulations.
Release	(4) When an inspector is satisfied that the grading, packing, marking, shipping or transporting of detained chicks comply with these regulations, he may issue a duly completed form "Notice of Release"; one copy of such notice of release shall be delivered to the owner or his representative and one copy to the person in possession of the chicks.
Removal of tags	(5) Detention tags shall not be removed from any chicks by anyone other than an inspector. (EC749/57; 300/80; 115/84; 639/93)

### PART III

Approved flocks	<b>22.</b> The Hatchery Committee for the purpose of ensuring poultry flocks of a high quality, as free from disease as possible to serve as a reliable source of breeding stock and hatching eggs, may designate as an approved flock a flock that conforms to the standards and is managed in the manner hereinafter set out. (EC749/57)
Application for approval	<b>23.</b> Application for designation of a flock as an approved flock may be made to the Provincial Officer who, upon receipt of the application, shall cause an inspection to be made of the flock and of the premises upon which it is kept. (EC749/57)

24. The Hatchery Committee may cancel or suspend the designation “approved flock” with respect to any flock that ceases to conform to or to be kept on the premises that conform to the standards hereinafter set out, or that is not managed in the manner hereinafter set out. (EC749/57) Cancellation of designation
25. (1) Only stock of recognized varieties that meets the standards or physical qualities required for purebred or crossbred matings may be included in an approved flock. Quality of stock
- (2) Except as herein otherwise provided, the American Standard of Perfection shall be the guide in considering breed or variety characteristics in selecting all females intended for purebred matings and all males intended for either purebred or crossbred matings. Any birds showing standard disqualifications, lack of breed quality, vigor or health will be discarded as culls, except that in the case of females intended for crossbreeding, disqualifications other than physical deformities will be allowed. Birds banded for purebred matings may be changed to crossbred matings. Under no circumstances shall birds banded for crossbred matings be changed to purebred matings. American Standard of Perfection
- (3) The inspection and mating of any breed, variety or cross which is not included under subsection (1) or (2) shall be individually subject to the approval and under the direction of the Hatchery Committee. (Any person planning to mate first generation females as set out in the above clause to produce chicks that will be shipped interprovincially should enquire from the Poultry Production Service, Ottawa, as to the provinces into which such chicks may be shipped.) Other stock
- (4) Every bird in an approved flock shall be passed upon and banded or otherwise marked by an inspector by means of a special coloured metal leg band. Banding
- (5) No birds shall be banded or otherwise marked unless they are sufficiently mature at the time of inspection. When birds of more than one age are kept on the same premises, the inspection banding and pullorum testing of immature birds to be kept as breeders may be delayed, providing they are segregated from the testing flocks. *Idem*
- (6) All rejected birds (culled at time of banding) must be isolated from the banded birds immediately and removed from the premises within one week of taking blood samples. Rejected birds
- (7) Flock entries in R.O.P. are eligible for approval without further inspection or banding. R.O.P. flocks
- (8) It is recommended that R.O.P. males be used in mating approved flocks where possible. Use of R.O.P. males

Sanitary conditions	(9) Sanitary conditions on farms where flocks are entered must be satisfactory to the inspector, and approved flocks may be subject to such further inspection as may be deemed advisable by the Hatchery Committee.
Testing	(10) All poultry, except waterfowl, on poultry plants in which the entire flock or a portion thereof, is submitted for approval shall, when sufficiently mature, be pullorum tested in a manner approved by the Hatchery Committee. In making application for flock approval inspection, each flock owner shall be required to make a declaration to the effect that his flock has not been pullorum tested within thirty days prior to the date of the application, and no test shall then be made before the official test.
Reactor allowance	(11) The maximum reactor allowance for the testing of each season may be fixed by the Hatchery Committee; and only flocks having less than such stipulated allowance shall be eligible to supply eggs to an approved hatchery.
Removal of diseased birds	(12) All birds reacting to any test for pullorum disease must be removed from the flock immediately on completion of testing or receipt of test report. Reactors shall be killed or disposed of for slaughter and the sealed bands uncut returned to the Department at once.
Cleaning	(13) Practical cleaning and disinfecting of poultry buildings and equipment to the satisfaction of the inspector is required after reactors have been removed from flocks where pullorum disease is found.
Prevention of disease	(14) No eggs or live poultry from flocks that are not blood tested shall be brought on to the premises where an approved flock is being kept. This is in order to prevent the spread of disease.
Invoice	(15) The flock owner shall supply the hatcheryman with a certified invoice covering every shipment of hatching eggs made. This invoice shall show full particulars of the transaction, including the number of birds in the flock at the time the shipment is made, the breed, the date of shipment, the name and address of the flock owner, the quantity of eggs shipped, and shall be signed by the flock owner. Such invoice shall be sent to the hatcheryman the date the eggs are shipped.
Rations	(16) The ration fed to the flock should contain the various ingredients in the proportions which have been recommended by nutrition workers in research institutions for improving hatchability of eggs.
Poultry ranges	(17) Poultry yards or ranges should be rotated with an annual or cultivated crop, but if this is not feasible, other practices must be adopted to maintain a healthy flock and prevent the soil from becoming

contaminated with organisms which cause poultry diseases and kindred troubles.

(18) Sanitary conditions in the poultry house and yards must be satisfactory to the inspector before approval is granted, and all poultry houses and equipment shall be disinfected periodically and kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Poultry houses

(19) Where more than one breed is approved on any premises each must be penned separately and kept confined to the pens during the breeding season. Conflicting breeds or varieties - such as Rhode Island Reds and New Hampshires - shall not be permitted on the premises of any approved flock owner, excepting with the written permission of the Hatchery Committee. Where egg colour of two breeds is similar, precautions against mixing eggs must be taken. Separation of breeds

(20) The flock owner shall at all times give the fullest cooperation in carrying out the work, such as catching and controlling all birds, except when in the hands of the inspector. A catching frame should be a part of every approved flock owner's equipment; also crates for culls and reactors should be on hand at the time of testing. Catching birds

(21) The minimum size entry which may be accepted is two hundred birds (in the case of turkey, five turkey hens). Applications for entry must be in the hands of the Provincial Officer not later than the date announced in notice sent out with the application form. Application for entry

(22) In the event of any entry being cancelled because of attempted fraud on the part of the breeder, or failure to observe the rules and regulations, or failure to keep plant, premises, birds and equipment in proper sanitary condition after the flocks are approved, the Hatchery Committee may refuse to accept entries from or extend inspection to the same breeder for a period of two years thereafter. Refusal of entry

(23) Approved flocks may be subject to such further inspection and to such tests for disease as may, from time to time, be considered advisable by the Hatchery Committee. Inspection

(24) In the event of an outbreak or suspected outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease the flock owner shall immediately report such outbreak to the Provincial Officer; the owner shall comply with all instructions issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry for the control of such outbreak. (EC749/57) Report of disease

**26.** No person shall sell, offer for sale, purchase, ship, transport, or accept for shipment or transportation within the Province of Prince Edward Island any chicks which have not been produced, graded and Sale, etc. of ungraded chicks



labelled as prescribed under the authority of the Act and these regulations or under the Dominion Poultry Improvement Programme or under a policy which, in the opinion of the Hatchery Committee, included pullorum testing and other requirements as stringent as those included in the policy in effect in the Province of Prince Edward Island. (EC749/57)

Canada Accredited  
Flock

**27.** A Prince Edward Island Approval Flock having no reactors in two consecutive official tests at least six months apart, and not exceeding eighteen months, may qualify as a Canada Accredited Flock in accordance with the regulations for the same as issued and operated by the Canada Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. (EC749/57)

Application

**28.** This part applies to turkey eggs, poults and breeding stock. (EC749/57)