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**Subject:** Exemption from Depopulation Required Documents

Hello Again,

Sorry for the multiple emails!

This process is document heavy, but I'm here to help you navigate the process!

Based on the information we've gathered, you fall into the "birds classified as having rare and valuable genetics" category. I've copied CFIA's description here:

*Rare and valuable genetics in poultry refers to **uncommon** genetic lines of poultry that hold a **high economic value**. Genetic **breeding** of poultry involves the creation of multi-generation genetically diverse populations on which **selection is practiced** to create adapted animals with new combinations of **specific desirable traits**. It is this combination of an uncommon breed or line of poultry, which undergoes a selection process to create specific desirable traits which leads to its high economic value.*

### 3.1 Initial screening to classify birds as having rare and valuable genetics

The genetics of the flock can be demonstrated to be distinctive from standard commercial flocks with criteria such as but not limited to the following:

- There is historical evidence of genetic investment (e.g. breeding books, use of closed flocks of breeding pure line birds for a prolonged period, a selection program from trained geneticists is implemented);
- The flock consists of high quality pure-bred birds (e.g. are recognized by breed associations, 3rd party national/international organizations or by the poultry industry as top producers/prized genetics/suppliers of genetics);
- Genomics testing for specific traits has been undertaken

Here's what we need from you at this time to get started:

- We need documented proof that these birds are distinctive from standard commercial flocks. The highlighted section above gives good examples of the types of documents we're looking for.
  - If you have any documentation of the agreement between you and the university – that'd be really helpful to send to us.
- I'll also need you guys to fill out the attached document Distinct Unit Package that will need to be completed and sent back to me.

Thanks,

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