



B.C. POULTRY INDUSTRY BIOSECURITY PROGRAM

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In this bulletin - information on automatic gates, access to funding, training requirements and program contacts

Automatic Gates - The first Mandatory Standard deals with Farm Access Standards and states:

1.1.1 A secure barrier that restricts vehicle entry must be present at all primary and secondary accesses to the Controlled Access Zone.

Rationale: Secure barriers are the first line of defense in minimizing the transmission of infectious diseases both to and from the farm operation.

1.1.2 Interpretive Guidelines:

- *The barrier should be a fixed gate, chain or equivalent that restricts access.*
- *The secure barrier must remain closed other than when a vehicle is passing into or out of the Controlled Access Zone.*
- *The secure barrier should deter unauthorized foot traffic.*
- *The barrier must be capable of being secured with a lock.*
- *Secondary accesses must be locked and secure at all times.*
- *Driveways that do not provide vehicular access to the Controlled Access Zone do not require a secure barrier.*
- *For safety reasons, the primary access should provide sufficient room for all vehicles to get completely off a public road.*
- *Where feasible, farm residences should be accessed from outside the Controlled Access Zone.*

This standard requires that the secure barrier remain closed other than when a vehicle is passing through it. Recognizing the extra burden this requirement places on producers and the allied trades, the Poultry Biosecurity Committee has explored opportunities for volume purchasing of automated gates. A quote for two styles of gates (ranging from \$2,000 - \$ 3,000) is attached to this bulletin. A quote for automated data collection is also included. In order to secure a gate at these volume prices, 50 interested producers are needed. If you are interested in purchasing a gate (eligible for pre-approved cost share funding) please contact Ron Pankonin by phone (877-795-3279), fax (877-795-3280) or e-mail (ron@gatesyourway.com) before the end of June. Ron will compile a list and will advise you when the volume threshold has been reached.

Program Funding - Please remember that cost share funding for the regulated sector is limited to \$1,350,000. Producers are encouraged to participate in the program early in order to ensure access to funding,

Training - Mandatory Standard 16 address on-farm Biosecurity Training.

4.5.1 On-farm biosecurity training is required for all producers and farm employees.

Rationale: In order to achieve the intent of the standards it is essential that producers and employees

understand the reasons for the standards and their ability to affect the level of biosecurity attained on the premises.

4.5.2 Interpretive Guidelines:

- a. *An on-farm biosecurity training program must be in place.*
- b. *On-farm biosecurity training is an on-going requirement with the need to update farm personnel and train new personnel at regular intervals.*

Biosecurity training is provided by Planning Advisors at no charge through the Biosecurity Program.

More information including a program brochure, a detailed program document, the Program Planning Workbook and the Poultry Biosecurity Reference Guide is available on the BCAC web site. Go to www.bcac.bc.ca and follow the links to the Poultry Biosecurity program.

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