



Canadian Honey Council

Message du Conseil canadien du miel (CCM) Statement from the CHC

Voici, à la demande du CCM le 9 novembre dernier, un message transmis par courriel et destiné aux apiculteurs et apicultrices du Canada.

As most of the temporary foreign worker labour force has returned home for the winter, the Labour Committee of the Canadian Honey Council continues to work on various scenarios for the spring. Since we were successful in both bringing in and returning workers this past season, in the event that commercial flights are not available, we will of once again consider chartering in workers where feasible to meet employer's needs. This will occur on a country to country, case by case basis, and if we are not able to arrange a charter economically, efforts will be made to assist employers as effectively as possible. The committee also continues to work on issues that hinder the efficiency of paperwork required to get your workers into the country. We are all hopeful the current Covid -19 situation changes for the better, but in the event it does not the Canadian Honey Council is here to help you with your labour issues.

Another issue that needs your attention concerns housing requirements. On October 27, 2020, the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, and the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food, Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced the launch of consultations on proposed minimum requirements for employer-provided accommodations for the TFW Program. There is an employee survey that has a deadline of **November 25** that beekeepers need to respond to as there are some troubling proposals being considered. The survey can be accessed on the *Consulting with Canadians* website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/temporary-foreign-worker/consultation-accommodations.html>.

Further you can provide written feedback with any views and suggestions you wish to share by **Tuesday, December 22, 2020** to: NC-TFWP-APT-PTET-EPA-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca. You are also encouraged to circulate these documents to interested parties who may want to participate in this consultation process.

Please note it would be greatly appreciated if the Canadian Honey Council were copied (chc-ccm@honeycouncil.ca) on any responses so that we are accurately reflecting the industries views as the consultation progresses.

Respectively,

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