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RE: Message Regarding the Temporary Foreign Worker Program

Further to our previous message, I am writing to provide more information on the new border measures and more stringent quarantine requirements that were the subject of the announcement on February 12, 2021.

As indicated previously, as of February 22, 2021, all air travelers, including temporary foreign workers

(TFW), will be required to take a COVID-19 molecular test upon arrival in Canada while at the airport, and again at the 10-day mark of their 14-day quarantine period. Before leaving the airport, travelers will be provided with a COVID-19 test kit and instructions for taking their test later during their mandatory 14-day quarantine period.

The requirement for travelers to quarantine in a government-approved accommodation while they wait for the results of their arrival COVID-19 test is deferred until March 14, 2021, for certain temporary foreign workers, including those with work visas in the agriculture, agri-food, and fish and seafood sectors, in the following occupations:

- 0821 - Managers in agriculture
- 0822 - Managers in horticulture
- 8252 - Agricultural service contractors, farm supervisors and specialized livestock workers
- 8255 - Contractors and supervisors, landscaping, grounds maintenance and horticulture services
- 8431 - General farm workers
- 8432 - Nursery and greenhouse workers
- 8611 - Harvesting labourers
- 6331 - Butchers, meat cutters and fishmongers - retail And wholesale
- 9461 - Process control and machine operators, food, beverage and associated products processing
- 9462 - Industrial butchers and meat cutters, poultry preparers and related workers
- 9463 - Fish and seafood plant workers
- 9617 - Labourers in food, beverage and associated products processing
- 9618 - Labourers In fish and seafood processing

The deferral of the 3-night hotel requirement for TFWs is only a temporary measure to allow for the development of a tailored solution to accommodate the anticipated volume of foreign workers arriving in the coming weeks and that the costs of these measures are not borne by workers or employers. The deferral is also to ensure these workers can be safely quarantined and supported throughout the process. Discussions will be taking place with the provinces and territories in the coming days to put in place the necessary health measures.

In the interim, TFWs entering the country will proceed to their usual place of quarantine provided by their employer under existing quarantine rules.

Thank you,

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