



# Registered Premises Standards Policy

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1. This policy applies to all new or renovated layer and pullet registered premises, unless otherwise indicated.
2. Farmers must notify Egg Farmers of Ontario (EFO), in writing, not less than twelve (12) months in advance of any proposed new builds, substantial modifications or renovations.
3. Renovation is defined as a major change or overhaul of existing housing systems and/or structures that is not part of normal or routine repair or maintenance. The addition of enrichments or furnishings that were not included when housing systems were installed is not considered to be a renovation.
4. A production unit is defined as a structure that contains one or more lay/grow-out facilities that are connected and which include accessory work areas (packing room), storage areas and refrigeration rooms and defined restricted and unrestricted areas.
5. Farmers shall, at all times, maintain the registered premises in a safe and tidy condition with all related equipment properly located, installed and maintained in good working order with all appropriate user/visitor safeguards.
6. Farmers must immediately notify EFO if the registered premises no longer meets the requirements of this policy specifying any deficiency, along with a plan to address it.
7. Exemptions from this policy for existing facilities will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis or through a complaint-based process. No exemptions will be granted to new facilities.
8. Addition of a second lay or grow-out facility that are attached to the existing facility will be required to meet all new facility requirements, including loading areas and dock requirements for egg coolers.
9. Farmers should consult with industry partners such as egg grading stations, feed suppliers, hatcheries, processors, and others to ensure the standards in this policy are met.
10. All questions regarding compliance with this policy should be directed to EFO's Director of Regulatory Compliance and Farming Operations.

## **DRIVEWAY REQUIREMENTS**

### **Applies to All Farms**

Driveways must:

1. be built and maintained to safely accommodate the passage of equipment, trucks and personnel; and
2. be maintained year-round, including snow and ice removal, winter driveway marking, vegetation clearance, debris management, surface maintenance, control of aggressive animals and ensuring unobstructed movement of personnel and vehicles.

### **Applies to New/Renovated Facilities Only**

Driveways must:

1. be a minimum of twelve (12) feet wide with a clearance height of not less than fourteen (14) feet, five (5) inches throughout;



2. provide a turnaround area or alternative driveway design (see example in Appendix A) as reversing trucks on roadways is not permitted; and
3. have a minimum of one hundred (100) feet of graded area up to the loading dock (see example in Appendix B).

## **FACILITY REQUIREMENTS**

### **Bird Loading Area Requirements – Applies to all Facilities**

Bird loading areas must:

1. have bird loading doors a minimum of eight (8) feet wide and a concrete pad base measuring a minimum of sixteen (16) feet by sixteen (16) feet with an appropriate slope to allow for unobstructed movement of dollies and carts. For existing facilities, this must be in place by no later than December 31, 2025; and
2. provide:
  - a) exterior lighting in all loading areas; and
  - b) eavestrough installed above loading doors to prevent the birds from getting wet.

### **Facility Interior – Applies to New/Renovated Facilities**

Facility interiors must:

1. have a catwalk if number of equipment tiers exceeds 5.

### **Washroom Facilities – Applies to all Facilities**

Facilities must:

1. provide access to non-residential washroom facilities that are well lit, private, equipped with toilet paper, proper hand hygiene facilities (including running water with soap/hand sanitizer) OR provide temporary washroom facilities (including toilet paper and proper hand hygiene facilities) that are serviced (under contract) weekly to be maintained in a sanitary condition.

### **Generator – Applies to All Facilities**

Farms must:

1. have a backup generator is required in the event of a power failure.

## **EGG LOADING/COOLER REQUIREMENTS**

### **Applies to New/Renovated Facilities**

Coolers must:

1. be accessible from outside the production unit. Egg truck drivers must be restricted to the cooler area only.
2. be able to accommodate the flock's production for a minimum of 8 days or enough eggs to fill a truck load (32 skids); and
3. have loading doors that are at least eight (8) feet by eight (8) feet.

Loading Docks must:

1. be a purpose-built concrete structure positioned no less than fifty (50) inches above grade (no below grade docks are permitted); OR
2. have an enclosed mechanical lift to reach an elevation of fifty (50) inches or greater; and



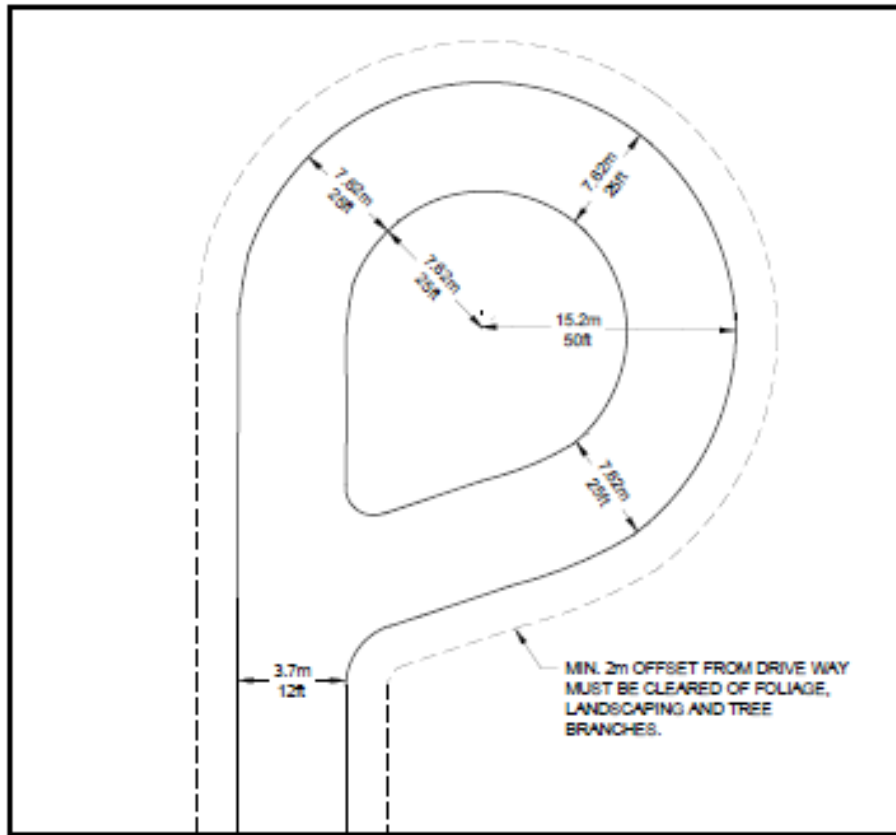
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3. enable the egg truck to connect to the egg cooler with rubber bumpers to prevent trailer damage.
  4. Refer to Appendix C for examples.

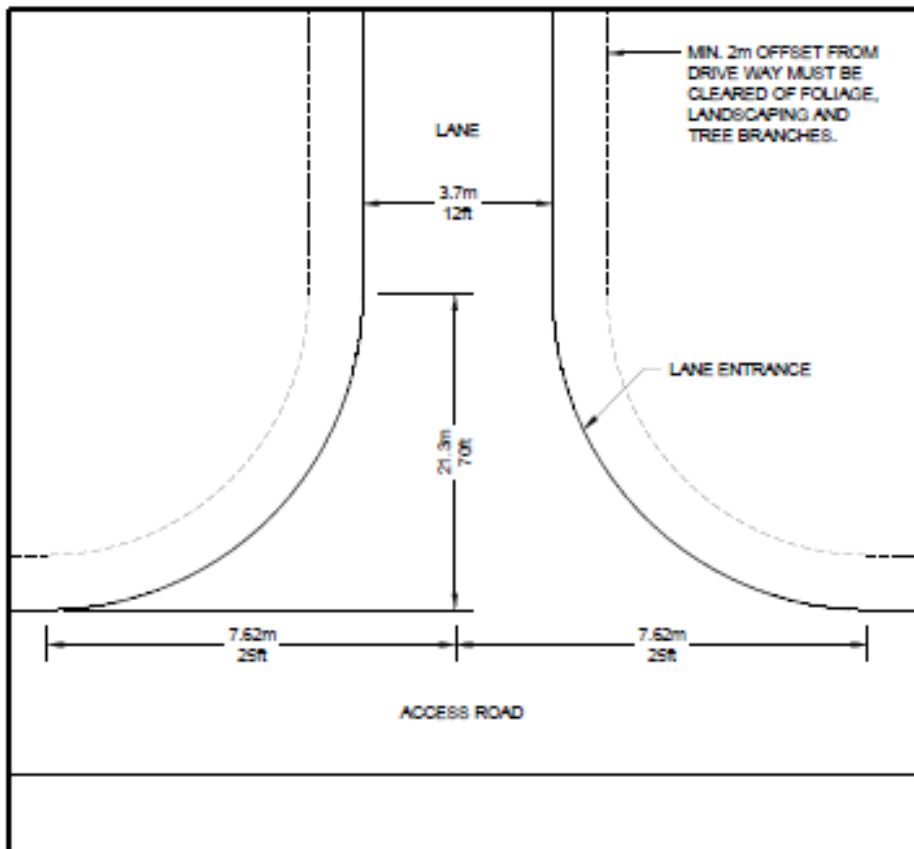
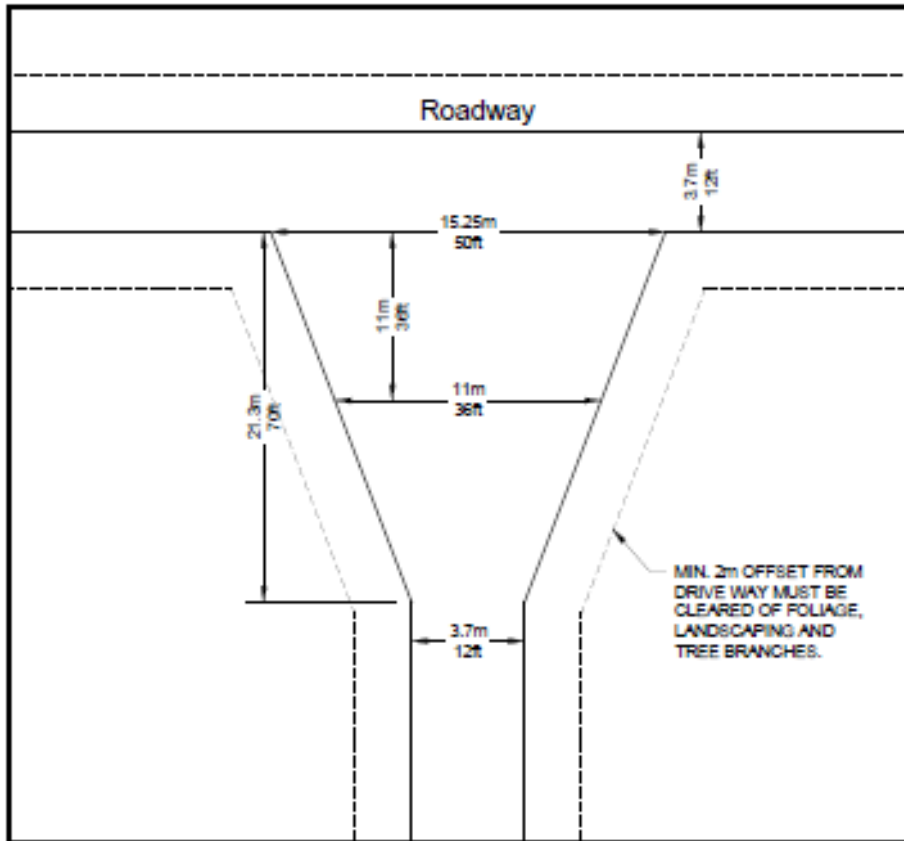
**Applies to Existing Facilities**

1. Egg loading docks will be mandatory effective January 1, 2030, allowing farmers a five (5) year phase in period; and
2. Farmers without egg loading docks that require ground pick up will be subject to a fee per dozen, administered and payable to the grading station, until December 31, 2029. Effective January 1, 2025 the fee is \$0.006 per dozen; the fee for 2026 up to and including 2029 will be the actual cost as verified by your grader.



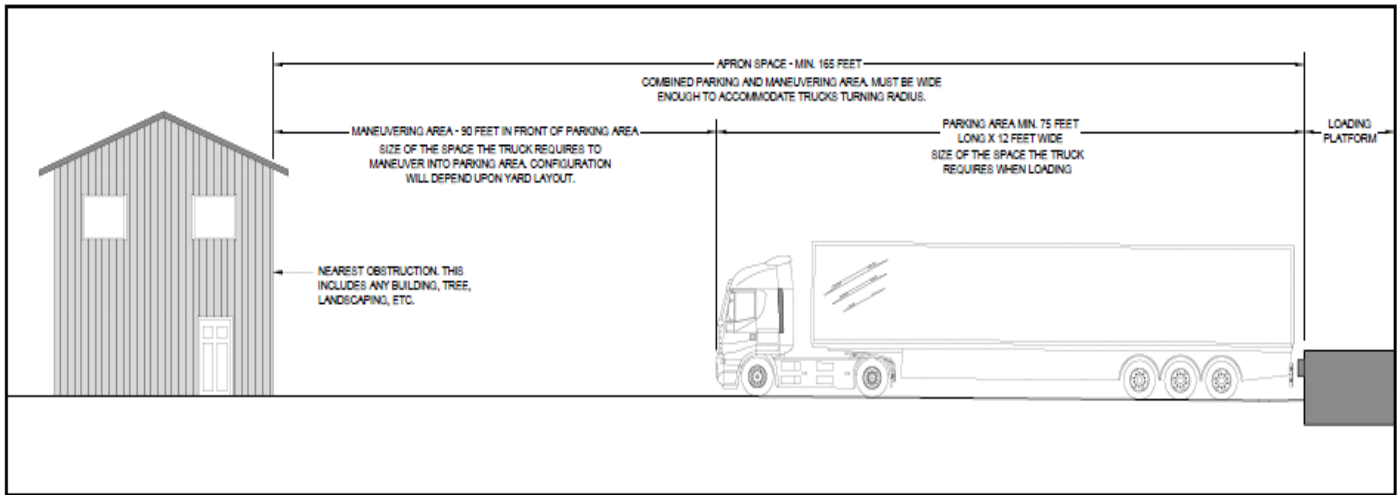
**APPENDIX A – DRIVEWAY EXAMPLES**



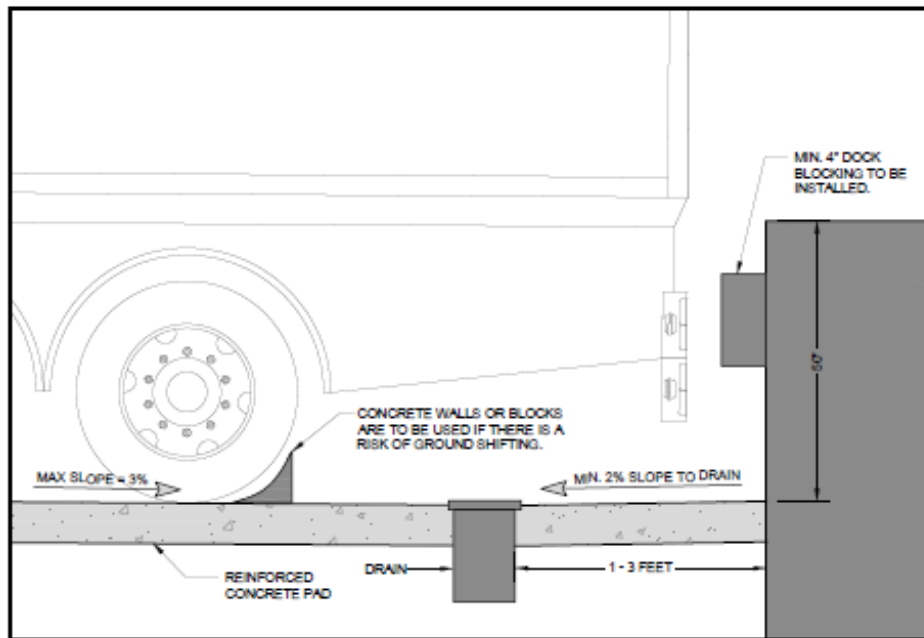




### APPENDIX B – TRUCK CLEARANCE EXAMPLE



### APPENDIX C – LOADING DOCK REQUIREMENTS FOR LOADING EGGS





## APPENDIX C – LOADING DOCK REQUIREMENTS FOR LOADING EGGS CONTINUED

