

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

SUPERVISORY RULES

(effective August 19, 2010 – reviewed and confirmed December 11, 2013)

Whereas s. 7.1(7) of the *Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act (NPMA)* authorizes the British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) to make rules governing its procedure and the quorum in supervisory matters, including its meetings, BCFIRB makes these Rules, which repeal and replace all previous Supervisory Rules.

1. The BCFIRB chair or, when absent or unable to act, a vice chair, constitutes the quorum for the purposes of addressing any supervisory matter arising under s. 7.1 of the *NPMA*.
2. Despite Rule 1, the BCFIRB chair or his/her delegate may, in their discretion, for any matter that may give rise to a formal supervisory decision, order or direction to a marketing board or commission, establish a supervisory panel comprised of one or more members, and designate one of those members as the panel chair. The supervisory panel, once established, exercises all supervisory powers and decisions of BCFIRB in relation to the matter.
3. For any supervisory panel established under Rule 2, if the panel consists of more than 1 member:
 - (a) preliminary or interim matters pertaining to the supervisory matter may be decided by the panel chair alone.
 - (b) the decision of the majority of the members is the decision of BCFIRB, and in the case of a tie, the decision of the panel chair governs.
 - (c) if a member of the panel is for any reason unable to complete the member's duties, the remaining members of the panel, with the consent of the BCFIRB chair, may continue to hear and determine the matter as a quorum of one.
4. If a supervisory panel established under Rule 2 consists of one member, and the member is for any reason unable to continue, the chair may designate a new member to continue to hear and determine the matter.
5. A supervisory panel established under these Rules may adopt those procedures that it deems best suit the circumstances.
6. A quorum of BCFIRB for any special or general meeting of BCFIRB is a majority of the members, of which one must be either the chair or a vice chair. Such meetings may be held either in person, or by telephone, or via such other technological or electronic means as considered appropriate in the circumstances.

Dated: December 11, 2013 at Victoria, British Columbia.



John Les, Chair
British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board