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Dear Ms. Lowe.

RE: PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA EGG MARKETING BOARD (EGG BOARD) CONSOLIDATED ORDERS

This letter is in follow up to the BC Farm Industry Review Board's (BCFIRB) March 27, 2017 prior approval of changes to the Egg Board Consolidated Orders¹. Under the BC Egg Marketing Scheme, BCFIRB is required to prior approve any amendments involving the terms and conditions upon which quota is issued or transferred.

In its decision BCFIRB prior approved proposed changes to sections II (Issuance of Quota); Part IV (New Producer Program Rules); Part V (Transfer of Layer quota – clarity on quota sales and purchase restrictions); and Part VI (Provincial Quota Exchange Rules – with conditions). BCFIRB did not prior approve proposed changes related to the requirement that quota remain attached to the farm where there is an assessment exempt transfer of quota between siblings; and, changing Last In First Out (LIFO) 10/10/10 to LIFO 10/10/5. BCFIRB noted that these items would need to be brought forward as part of the Quota Assessment Tools Evaluation, which was underway by that time and is still ongoing.

BCFIRB understands that despite the fact that BCFIRB gave its prior approval to these changes on March 27, 2017 the Egg Board has not yet amended its Consolidated Orders. At the time BCFIRB made its decision, it did so on the understanding that the approved changes were necessary and would be put into effect by the Egg Board in a timely way. On this basis, BCFIRB is asking that the Egg Board amend their Consolidated Orders per BCFIRB's prior approval

¹ 2017 March 27. BCFIRB. <u>Prior approval review of the British Columbia Egg Marketing Board Consolidated Orders.</u>

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decision and to post those amended orders to the Egg Board web site as soon as possible. Transparency and certainty require participants within the regulated system to know the rules under which they operate.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please call me at 250-387-3915.

Yours truly,

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cc: BC Farm Industry Review Board

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