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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

RE: AN APPEAL BY THANH TRANG MUSHROOM FARM FROM A JUNE 15, 1999 DECISION OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MUSHROOM MARKETING BOARD CONCERNING THE MARKETING OF PRODUCT

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- 1. Further to our letter of July 14, 1999, the Panel has now received a letter from the Appellant, Canadian Mushroom Farm, directed to the British Columbia Mushroom Marketing Board ("Mushroom Board") requesting the farm be permitted to market its mushrooms to All Seasons Mushroom Farms Inc. ("All Seasons").
- 2. In the letter, Canadian Mushroom Farm states:

I refer to your letter dated July 16, 1999 regarding the hearing on July 12 & 13, 1999.

In this hearing, Canadian Mushroom Farm indicated to the BCMB that we have been marketing our mushrooms through All Seasons and would like to continue this business relationship. It was clearly understood before adjournment that the BCMB temporarily permitted this status quo pending the conclusion of the hearing which will resumed (sic) on August 12, 1999.

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- 3. Canadian Mushroom Farm did not make a formal request at the hearing to approve an arrangement to allow them to ship mushrooms to All Seasons. Nor did the Panel "temporarily permit" Canadian Mushroom Farm to continue shipping mushrooms to All Seasons pending the outcome of this appeal.
- 4. However, the Panel has now considered this request. The Panel has received and reviewed a letter dated July 16, 1999 from the Mushroom Board denying Canadian Mushroom Farm's request and a letter dated July 16, 1999 from Counsel for All Seasons advising that All Seasons will not be able to continue to market its product.
- 5. Just as in the case of the request by Thanh Trang Mushroom Farm, the Panel is not prepared to grant the Appellant's request for interim relief pending the outcome of its appeal. In addition, the Panel observes that if Canadian Mushroom Farm is marketing its mushrooms or has marketed its mushrooms through All Seasons, it does so in express violation of Order 2/98 of the Mushroom Board, which requires prior approval of all transfers.
- 6. However to alleviate any hardship that may occur as a result of the delay in the hearing of the appeal, the Panel recommends an interim solution whereby this Appellant could resume shipping its mushrooms to Money's Mushrooms Ltd. ("Money's") until such time as a decision is rendered in the appeal.
- 7. This recommendation is made completely without prejudice to the rights on appeal of either of the Appellants, Money's or any of the other parties to the appeal. Should either Canadian Mushroom Farm or Money's feel it necessary, Mr. Jim Collins, Manager of Dispute Resolution Services of the BCMB, could facilitate these discussions

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