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Dear Mr. Yochim:

BRITISH COLUMBIA EGG MARKETING BOARD ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES

In a letter dated October 10, 2015, the BC Egg Marketing Board (Egg Board) requested that the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) renew its approval of the BC Egg Marketing Board Election Rules and Procedures that accompanied the letter. Under the *British Columbia Egg Marketing Scheme*, 1967, s. 18.1(2), election rules and procedures do not come into effect until approved by BCFIRB.

I have been appointed by the Chair of the BCFIRB as a one person panel to review the election rules and procedures of the commodity boards and commissions.

A February 12, 2013 letter from a previous BCFIRB panel approved the Egg Board's Election Rules and Procedures for the 2014 and 2015 election cycles. That panel also directed the Egg Board to "conduct its next full review of the Election Rules and Procedures no later than December 31, 2015". Given the questions and requests for further information that arose from the Egg Board's October 10, 2015 submission, I am not satisfied that the review process conducted by the Egg Board in response to BCFIRB's 2013 direction was as complete and thorough as it should have been.

Consequently, I am further directing the Egg Board to conduct another review, to be completed not later than November 4, 2016. If the Egg Board has any questions with respect to BCFIRB's expectations with regard to this review, please contact BCFIRB staff.

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In the meantime, I am prepared to approve – for the 2016 election cycle only – Draft 5 of the Election Rules and Procedures submitted by the Egg Board on December 22, 2015. That approval is subject to receiving written confirmation from the Egg Board that its members have reviewed and formally approved the proposed Election Rules and Procedures.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD Per:

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Diane Fillmore Presiding Member