BC Farm Industry Review Board

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Benjamin Janzen Chair BC Milk Marketing Board

Dear Mr. Janzen:

BRITISH COLUMBIA MILK MARKETING BOARD ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES - TEMPORARY AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The BC Milk Marketing Board (Milk Board) seeks approval under section 3(4) of the British Columbia Milk Marketing Regulation for a onetime amendment to its Election and Appointment Rules and Procedures (Election Rules) for the 2020 election year.

I have been appointed by the Chair of the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) as a oneperson panel to consider, and if appropriate, approve the proposed onetime amendment to the Milk Board's Election Rules.

In its June 8, 2020 letter, the Milk Board is requesting to remove the option for registered producers to vote in-person by paper ballot at its November 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM will be held via video-conference to conform with current COVID-related rules on social distancing and transmission risk reduction.

In addition to the proposed changes provided, I note that the Election Rules contain an additional reference to in-person voting on Page 3 in the third paragraph of the Eligibility to Vote section.

With the onetime amendment Registered producers will continue to have the option to vote online or by mail-in paper ballot. It is accountable and strategic for the Milk Board to amend its voting process in support of public health and safety measures.

I hereby approve the above-mentioned amendments to the British Columbia Milk Marketing Board Election Rules and Procedures for its 2020 election.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

Per:

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