IN THE MATTER OF THE NATURAL PRODUCTS MARKETING (BC) ACT

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL CONCERNING THE METHOD FOR UTILIZING BUTTERFAT TESTS IN CALCULATING QUOTA

BETWEEN:

MR. R.G. COLLINS GREEN GLEN FARM LTD. MOUNTAINVIEW FARM LTD.

APPELLANTS

AND:

BRITISH COLUMBIA MILK MARKETING BOARD

RESPONDENT

AND:

BRITISH COLUMBIA MILK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

MR. KEVIN DAVISON

INTERVENORS

DECISION

APPEARANCES:

For the British Columbia Marketing Board

Mr. Doug Kitson, Panel Chair Ms Christine Moffat, Panel Member Mr. Ross Husdon, Panel Member Ms Karen Webster, Panel Member Mr. Harley Jensen, Panel Member Ms Maggie Barrett, Panel Secretary

For the Appellants

Green Glen Farm Ltd. Mountainview Farm Ltd.

For the Respondent

Mr. R.G. Collins Mr. W. Van Duin Mr. J.R. Oosterom

Mr. John Durham, Chair

Mr. Tom Demma, General Manager Mr. Jerry Reghelin, Program Manager

For the Intervenors

British Columbia Milk Producers Association

Mr. Ben Brandsema, Executive Member Mr. Andy Dolberg, Secretary

Mr. Kevin Davison

DATE AND PLACE OF HEARING:

June 17, 1997 and July 4, 1997 Nanaimo, British Columbia '97-JUL. -15 (TUE) 09:25 BCMB FPB

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INTRODUCTION

 The matter before the British Columbia Marketing Board is an appeal by Mr. R.G. Collins, Green Glen Farm Ltd. and Mountainview Farm Ltd. from a decision by the British Columbia Milk Marketing Board. The decision concerns the utilization of producer three-year average butterfat tests in calcularing producer quote allocations pursuant to entry into the Western Milk Pool and to the establishment of Total Production Onota.

ISSUE

2. Should the butterfat calculation be based on each producer's individual three-year average or on a province-wide three-year average?

DECISION

The appeal is denied.

REMARKS

Written reasons to follow.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this

__ day of July, 1997.

Doug Kitson, Panel Chair

for the

British Columbia Marketing Board