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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING PROJECT (PARP) – UPDATED QUOTA TRANSFER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In an August 7, 2019 supervisory decision¹ (attached), the British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) amended its January 19, 2006² and February 2, 2018³ directions to allow for assessment free quota transfers to non-family members off the BC Milk Marketing Board Quota Exchange, provided the following conditions are met:

- a) The quota amount being transferred is and will remain attached to the farm in question;
- b) The transfer is for demonstrated succession planning purposes; and
- c) The Milk Board criteria reflects the quota recipients' demonstrated strong commitment to the farm.

As a further condition of its August decision, BCFIRB required the Milk Board to include the amount of quota being transferred off the Milk Board Quota Exchange, broken down by family transfers and non-family transfers, in its annual PARP reports going forward.

¹ 2019 August 7. BCFIRB. <u>In the Matter of the Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act and Amendment of BC Farm Industry Review Board Quota Transfer Directions to the BC Milk Marketing Board for the Purposes of Non-family Succession Planning.</u>

² 2006 July 19. BCFIRB. <u>Review of Specialty Production and New Entrant Programs – Improving Access to the Supply Management System.</u>

³ 2018 February 2. BCFIRB. <u>In the Matter of the *Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act* and Quota Assessment Tools Supervisory Review.</u>

BCFIRB is extending this additional quota reporting direction to all supply-managed commodity boards. For all PARP reports to be submitted to BCFIRB in 2020, all supply managed boards will be required to include not only the total of all quota transferred in their report year, but to break out the amount of quota transferred by family and non-family transfers. BCFIRB acknowledges that not all boards operate quota exchanges. However, BCFIRB asks that all boards report separately on family and non-family quota transfers, regardless of whether they operate a quota exchange or not.

PARP quota reporting requirements in general will be reviewed and discussed with your board representatives at the December 9, 2019 PARP review meeting.

Please contact Kirsten Pedersen, Executive Director at 778-974-5798 or <u>Kirsten.Pedersen@gov.bc.ca</u> if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Peter Donkers

Chair

Attachment

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BCFIRB website EDs/GMs, All Supply Managed Boards and Commissions