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Bill Vanderspek
Executive Director
BC Chicken Marketing Board

Dear Mr. Vanderspek:

SIGNATORY PROCESS – OPERATING AGREEMENT AND ATLANTIC CANADA SAFEGUARD AGREEMENT

Thank you for providing a copy of the BC Chicken Marketing Board (Chicken Board) Chair's April 10, 2019 correspondence and related data to the Pricing and Production Advisory Committee. The correspondence was related to the Chicken Farmers of Canada's (CFC) request to provincial signatories to append the Atlantic Canada Safeguard Agreement to the federal-provincial Schedule "B" Operating Agreement. The March 15, 2019 CFC signatory request is attached to this letter for reference.

The BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) has discussed the CFC signatory request at its April 10, 2019 board meeting. It will be forming a supervisory panel to consider and make a decision on CFC's request following due process. Process options are yet to be discussed but may include seeking appropriate stakeholder input.

Once the BCFIRB panel is set I suggest a short meeting between Chicken Board representatives and the BCFIRB panel and staff (in-person or teleconference) to discuss how to best coordinate processes and information in support of decision-making by each board. The meeting could include discussion of when the Chicken Board would anticipate requesting BCFIRB prior approval for its signatory decision¹ and what information BCFIRB may need in order to make its prior approval decision.

¹ BC Chicken Marketing Scheme s. 4.02(3) Subject to subsections (1) and (2), the board may not enter into or amend an agreement with the federal board without the prior approval of the provincial board.

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I suggest that a coordinated approach between the Chicken Board and BCFIRB will help contribute to a timely, informed response to Chicken Farmers of Canada.

I will be in touch once the BCFIRB panel is established. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kirsten Pedersen', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Kirsten Pedersen
Executive Director

Attachment

cc: BC Chicken Growers Association
Primary Poultry Processors Association of BC
BCFIRB web site