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BC Turkey Marketing Board
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Dear Mr. Hochstein:

BRITISH COLUMBIA TURKEY MARKETING BOARD 2017 SPECIAL ELECTION – APPROVAL

Thank you for your letter dated February 15, 2017. The letter outlines that due to an oversight the required election process for 2017 has not yet been initiated. As such, it states that it is no longer possible to initiate the election process at least seven weeks prior to the BC Turkey Marketing Boards' (Turkey Board) Annual General Meeting (AGM) as per the Turkey Boards Election Rules and Procedures approved by the BC Farm Industry Review Board (attached). This year's AGM is scheduled for March 2, 2017.

Section 27 of the British Columbia Turkey Marketing Scheme states that:

In the event of any delay or irregularity occurring in the conduct of any election or any doubt arising as to the validity of any election, the British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board shall have authority to determine who are the members of the office, and to extend the time for making nominations, or direct that a special election be held at any time. [emphasis added]

The Turkey Board is requesting BCFIRB:

1. Declare Mr. Shawn Heppell, the Turkey Board member whose term is to expire in March 2017, as continuing to serve as a member until such time as a special election is held; and,
2. Extend the time for making nominations and direct that a special election be held.

On the understanding that Mr. Heppell is willing to serve until such time as a special election is held, BCFIRB agrees to extending his term to allow for the special election. This approach also accords with the Turkey Board Election Rules and Procedures which sets out: "if a vacancy arises

as a result of the expiry of a member's term, that member may serve until a successor is elected or appointed as provided for in these rules.”

BCFIRB directs that a special election be held based on the Turkey Board Election Rules and Procedures “Special Election to Fill Vacancy” process. The Turkey Board is to confirm with BCFIRB the date fixed for the special election and the special election process must be initiated no later than February 20, 2017.

In closing, BCFIRB reminds the Turkey Board of the importance of consistent election processes and our expectation that the Turkey Board will put in place appropriate measures to help ensure such oversights do not occur in the future.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brenda Locke', written in a cursive style.

Brenda Locke
Presiding Member

Attachment: January 3, 2014 BC Turkey Marketing Board Election Rules and Procedures

cc: BCFIRB web site