



## BC Farm Industry Review Board

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File: N2214

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Dear Parties:

### RE: PPPABC V BRITISH COLUMBIA CHICKEN MARKETING BOARD

On February 11, 2022, The British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) received a notice of appeal from the Primary Poultry Processors Association of British Columbia (PPPABC) with respect to the January 14, 2022 Mainstream Pricing Order for Period A-174 Pricing Order #165.

In paragraph 45 of its notice of appeal, the PPPABC consented to this matter being considered by the BCFIRB supervisory panel as part of the Long Term Chicken Sector Pricing Review under s. 8(8) of the *Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act*, noting that the supervisory panel has the authority to address the issues raised in the notices of appeal filed by PPPABC on May 7, 2021, June 23, 2021, August 25, 2021 October 25, 2021 and December 17, 2021 which raise significant concerns about the stability of current pricing structures in the BC chicken sector.

By letter dated February 15, 2022, BCFIRB requested the position of the parties with respect to deferring the appeal to the supervisory panel as part of the chicken pricing review process.

On February 18, 2022, the BC Chicken Marketing Board (Chicken Board) also consented to the deferral of the appeal until completion of the Long-Term Chicken Sector Pricing Review supervisory process. The Chicken Board noted that the deferral of the appeal cannot constrain the supervisory panel in terms of the issues that may be considered in the supervisory process, nor does it provide an opportunity for the PPPABC to seek particular relief before the supervisory panel as a person aggrieved or dissatisfied by a decision of the Chicken Board. If the appeal is deferred the consideration and determination of the issues raised in the notice of appeal are held in abeyance until following the conclusion of the supervisory process. Once the supervisory process has concluded, the appellant may at that time give notice that it wishes to pursue its appeal.

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## DECISION

As I agree with the parties that the subject matter of this appeal is more properly dealt with by the supervisory panel as part of the chicken pricing review process, pursuant to s. 8(8) of the *NPMA*, I am deferring the hearing of this appeal until after the supervisory process is completed. It will be for the supervisory panel to determine how it will engage with the parties on the issues raised in this appeal along with the previously deferred appeals N2103, N2104, N2105, N2106 and N2109.

Once the supervisory process is completed, the PPPABC can give notice of its intention to proceed with the appeal.

Regards,

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

Pawan Joshi  
Presiding Member