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.

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

For the Respondent

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
INTRODUCTION

1. 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 calculating producer quota allocations pursuant to entry into the Western Milk Pool and to the establishment of Total Production Quota.

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

3. The appeal is denied.

REMARKS

4. Written reasons to follow.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of July, 1997.

Doug Kitson, Panel Chair
for the
British Columbia Marketing Board