



BC Farm Industry Review Board

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Dear M. Camley and D. Etsell:

RE: MPL BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRIBUTORS INC. (MPL BC) AGENCY PRIOR APPROVAL PROCESS - ON HOLD PENDING ALLEGATIONS REVIEW COMPLETION

On July 15, 2022 the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) panel notified the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (Commission), MPL BC and industry that it required time to review the July 14, 2022 BCFIRB Allegations of Bad Faith and Unlawful Activity decision (Allegations Review decision) before finalizing its prior approval Terms of Reference.

As set out in the draft Terms of Reference distributed on June 28, 2022:

The Panel anticipates that the supervisory decision in the Allegations of Bad Faith and Unlawful Activity supervisory review may inform this prior approval process. As the Panel deems necessary and appropriate, participants will be given an opportunity to address relevant matters including amending the Terms of Reference as part of this process.

The Allegation Review decision states that there are still outstanding issues and questions to be addressed as part of that review. Those questions include whether MPL BC's allegations were made in good faith, and if not, what the effective and accountable consequences of such actions may be.

The panel must now seriously consider the potential of its prior approval process being fundamentally impacted or overtaken by any further Allegation Review findings and directions.

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To continue with the approval process in the face of these pending further Allegation Review findings and directions is not accountable to MPL BC, the Commission or the industry.

The panel will contact the Commission, MPL BC and industry on next steps as appropriate once it has any further Allegations Review findings and any directions.

Regards,



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