



BC Farm Industry Review Board

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Dear Ms. Camley and Mr. Sturko:

MPL BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRIBUTORS INC. (MPL BC) AGENCY PRIOR APPROVAL PROCESS – HEARING PARTICIPANT DECISION

On April 24, 2023, the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) invited all eligible participants to submit a written application by May 1, 2023 to participate in the forthcoming in-person supervisory hearing.

In the same letter, BCFIRB confirmed that the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (Commission) as first instance regulator, and MPL BC, as the agency applicant, are granted full participatory rights at the in-person supervisory hearing. BCFIRB also granted Greenhouse Grown Foods Inc./Windset farms (Canada) Ltd. (GGFI/Windset) full participatory rights, including the opportunity to call witnesses and question those participants adverse in interest.

Subsequently, BCFIRB received process requests from MPL BC and GGFI/Windset. These requests will be addressed in separate correspondence.

Eligible participants' applications

BCFIRB received the following applications from eligible participants:

1. Application for Written Submission by CVG Veg Products Ltd.;
2. Application for Written Submission by Peppertree Farms;
3. Application for Written Submission by Aljane Farms;
4. Application for Written Submission by Humble Farmer Ltd;
5. Application for Written Submission by MT Lehman Vegetable Farms Inc & MT Lehman Greenhouses Ltd.;

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6. Application for Written Submission by Uppal Farms and Greenhouse Ltd.;
7. Application for Written Submission by VF Operations Canada Inc.;
8. Application for Written Submission and Oral Submission (video conference) by Village Farms Canada L.P.;
9. Application for Written Submission by Merom Farms Ltd.; and,
10. Application for Written Submission by Global Greenhouse Produce Inc.

All applicants confirmed the information they have is new, and was not previously provided to the Commission as part of its agency designation application process.

As previously communicated, BCFIRB's goal is to collect the information it needs to make a sound marketing policy determination in the public interest. All applicants confirmed they will be providing new information.

All applicants are confirmed as participants in the supervisory review hearing in the form in which they applied.

Although the deadline for participants to provide their written submissions was set at May 8, 2023, **this deadline is extended to May 12, 2023**. Participants are reminded that submissions must not exceed 10 pages, excluding appendices, and be double spaced using 12 point font.

Please send your submissions to Wanda Gorsuch, Manager Issues & Planning at Wanda.Gorsuch@gov.bc.ca, cc firb@gov.bc.ca.

Regards,



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Panel Chair

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