



BC Farm Industry Review Board

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Craig Ferris, Q.C.
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Dear C. Ferris:

BCFIRB PRIOR APPROVAL PROCESS: MPL BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRIBUTORS INC. (MPL BC) AGENCY DESIGNATION

Thank you for your March 31, 2022 letter on behalf of Greenhouse Grown Foods Inc. and Windset Farms (Canada) Ltd. asking the British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) to exercise its discretion under section 7.1(2) of the *Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act* and Rule 5 of its Supervisory Rules to establish an “effective, fulsome and procedurally fair procedure for the Prior Approval Process” and providing suggestions for that proposed process. I am responding on behalf of Chair Peter Donkers.

As previously communicated to MPL BC, the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission, and will be generally communicated in the near future:

The prior approval panel will establish terms of reference for the prior approval process which will clarify the issues to be decided, the participants in the process and the form that participation will take. The prior approval panel will also need to address the impact of the ongoing Allegations of Bad Faith Review process on the prior approval process.

I expect BCFIRB will issue further correspondence on these matters in the near future.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirsten Pedersen".

Kirsten Pedersen,
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