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Dear Ms. Camley and Mr. Ferris:

MPL BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRIBUTORS INC. (MPL BC) AGENCY PRIOR APPROVAL PROCESS – SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS EXTENSION

On August 22, 2023, the British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) received a letter from MPL BC in response to BCFIRB's August 22, 2023 letter, inviting

“eligible participants to provide supplemental written submissions on the implications, if any, of the ruling made in the Allegations of Bad Faith and Unlawful Activity supervisory review on the designation of MPL BC as an agency, including implications of the voluntary reporting requirement agreed to by MPL BC.”

MPL BC recommends extending the deadlines for supplemental written submissions to August 30, 2023, and the final replies of MPL BC and the BC Vegetable Marking Commission to September 6, 2023.

The recommendation is based on the schedules of counsel, including holidays.

On August 23, 2023, BCFIRB received a request from Greenhouse Grown Foods Inc./Windset Farms (Canada) Ltd. (GGFI/Windset) that the timelines suggested by MPL BC be pushed back a further week due to the schedule of counsel.

I am satisfied in the circumstances that the extension is appropriate, and I confirmed that supplemental written submissions are due by **September 6, 2023**. Final replies from MPL BC and the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission are due by **September 14, 2023**.

Please send your submissions to Justine Lafontaine, Policy Analyst at Justine.Lafontaine@gov.bc.ca, cc firb@gov.bc.ca.

Regards,



Pawan Joshi

Panel Chair

cc: Derek Sturko, Chair BC Vegetable Marketing Commission
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