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Phil Hochstein
Chair
BC Turkey Marketing Board
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Dear Mr. Hochstein:

BRITISH COLUMBIA TURKEY MARKETING BOARD 2017 ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW – APPROVAL

Under section 18(4) of the *British Columbia Turkey Marketing Scheme* (Scheme), election rules and procedures do not come into effect until approved by the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB). I have been appointed by the Chair of BCFIRB as a one-person panel to review and approve the BC Turkey Marketing Board (Turkey Board) election rules and procedures (election rules).

On August 18, 2017, the Turkey Board submitted its election rules and procedures to BCFIRB for approval. After reviewing the election rules, I asked the Turkey Board to address outstanding transparency and accountability questions regarding its proposed rules for managing the election of a fourth member to the board. I also requested the Turkey Board consult with its registered producers on the election rules in general, including its proposed approach for managing the election of a fourth member.

On November 20, 2017, the Turkey Board submitted amended election rules. It then followed up with the consultation question it used, and a summary of the one registered producer response.

The Turkey Board proposed amendments to increase the transparency and accountability of how the election of a fourth member will be managed. I accept that the changes increase the transparency and accountability of the election rules. That said, the Turkey Board or BCFIRB may choose to revisit how the election of a fourth member is managed once the process is used, or as part of the next election rules review.

The Turkey Board is reminded that the intent behind the scheduled election rules review is to provide a regular opportunity for commodity boards and their registered producers to update their election rules and procedures, as appropriate. As part of the process, BCFIRB expects commodity boards to consult with registered producers on the entire election rules, not only specific sections or amendments.

Having noted that deficiency in this review, I will not require the Turkey Board to go back and consult on its full set of election rules. I make this decision on the basis of supporting a timely approval and that the election rules allow for review when requested by producers. BCFIRB's expectation remains that the Turkey Board is to conduct a timely consultation on its full election rules as part of its next review in 2021.

I hereby approve the 'BCTMB Election Rules and Procedures' submitted by the Turkey Board on November 20, 2017.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Pastoor". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Diane Pastoor
Member

Attachment: 'BCTMB Election Rules and Procedures' approved November 20, 2017