

Canadian Wheat Board website doesn't violate government order

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WINNIPEG (CP) - The federal government says an order banning the Canadian Wheat Board from spending money to promote its monopoly doesn't extend to the board's website.

Wheat board officials have complained the order earlier this month is too vague and creates uncertainty about whether board members can speak out or keep information on the website.

Conrad Bellehumeur, communications director for Agriculture Minister Chuck Strahl, says the board is not being asked to change sections of its website that talk about dual marketing or single desk selling of western Canadian wheat and barley exports.

He says board members can also speak freely.

Board chairman Ken Ritter is welcoming the clarification, but says the order is still unfair and unusual because it is indefinite.

A task force appointed by Strahl to recommend ways to allow competition in the market is expected to report to the government by the end of the month.

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