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Blaine Gorrell Chair British Columbia Milk Marketing Board 200 – 32160 South Fraser Way Abbotsford, BC V2T 1W5

Dear Mr. Gorrell:

## REVIEW OF SPECIALTY PRODUCTION AND NEW ENTRANT PROGRAMS – IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board (FIRB) has received the request of the British Columbia Milk Marketing Board (Milk Board) to defer implementation of amendments to the Consolidated Order while the Milk Board establishes and then consults the Specialty Milk Product Advisory Committee.

FIRB has considered the request and, other than the directions concerning quota transfer, has agreed to extend the implementation deadline to November 1, 2006. However, the Milk Board is to bring into force directions concerning quota transfer and assessment, which include: the collection of the 5% assessment on transfers of quota issued prior to September 1, 2005; implementation of the declining transfer assessment (10/10/10 rule) on quota issued after that date; and, the implementation of revised exemptions for quota transfer assessments in accordance with Items 24 and 25 of FIRB's July 19, 2006 directions.

The Milk Board is also to take into account Item 8 of FIRB's July 19, 2006 directions when distributing the provincial allocation.

Yours truly,

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Chair

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