

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA TURKEY MARKETING BOARD
pursuant to the **NATURAL PRODUCTS MARKETING (BC) ACT (The Act)**
and the **BRITISH COLUMBIA TURKEY MARKETING SCHEME (the Scheme)**
ADVISORY COMMITTEES REGULATION 2006/2008

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This regulation shall be known as the “Advisory Committees Regulation 2006/2008” and shall come into force on 2006 and be in effect until 26th April 2008.

Purpose

1. The Board values the input and advice of a broad range of stakeholders committed to the success and future of the B.C. turkey industry.
2. The Board shall from time to time cause to be established Advisory Committees to provide advice and recommendations to the Board concerning matters such as market trends and requirements, production standards, and Board policies regarding the production and marketing of turkeys pursuant to the purpose of the orders as defined in s.3 of the General Orders.

B.C. Turkey Board Advisory Committee

3. A B.C. Turkey Board Advisory Committee shall be established for the purpose of providing the Board with advice concerning matters impacting the B.C. turkey industry supply chain.

B.C. Turkey Board Advisory Committee Composition

4. The B.C. Turkey Board Advisory Committee shall be comprised of nine (9) members.
5. The Board shall appoint four (4) members representing allied industries, including the processing, hatchery, feed manufacturing and banking sectors.
6. Registered growers shall elect four (4) members at the Board’s Annual General Meeting. One (1) grower member will be elected to represent each of:
 - growers licensed to produce more than 500,000 kg annually;
 - growers licensed to produce less than 500,000 kg annually;
 - growers licensed as new entry growers who have entered the industry within the previous 5 years; and,
 - growers licensed to produce breeding stock.
7. The Board shall appoint an independent Chair. The Chair will be knowledgeable of all sectors of the turkey supply chain, and will not have a current direct financial interest in the industry.
8. All appointments shall be for a period of one (1) year. There shall be no limit to the number of terms a person can be appointed to the Committee.

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9. Appointments shall be from the Board's Annual General Meeting until the next Annual General Meeting.

B.C. Turkey Board Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

10. The Committee shall provide the Board with:
- Advice and information concerning emerging and important production, financial, market and social issues having the potential to impact the B.C. turkey industry;
 - Recommendations for encouraging productive dialogue and resolving frictions, disputes, contention or concerns between the different sectors comprising the turkey industry supply chain in B.C., including but not necessarily limited to breeder operators, hatcheries, processors, further processors, feed manufacturers, financial partners, retailers and foodservice distributors;
 - At the Board's request, recommendations concerning enforcement of the General Orders and Regulations;
 - Policy recommendations concerning General Order and/or Regulation changes proposed by the Board;
 - Any other matters considered by the Board or the Committee to be related to success and prosperity of the B.C. turkey industry except as specifically excluded by s.11.
11. Notwithstanding s.10, the Committee shall not address matters outlined in the terms of reference for the Specialty Markets Advisory Committee, and shall direct all such matters to that Committee.
12. For the purposes of s.11 the Chairs of the two (2) Advisory Committees shall consult with one another concerning their respective agendas and recommendations to the Board.
13. The Committee shall not be compelled to advise the Board on any matter.
14. The Committee shall not delay decision making by the Board.

B.C. Turkey Board Advisory Committee Procedures

15. The Committee is intended to undertake its work and make decisions based on cooperation and consensus. The Committee is expected to consult with stakeholders to ensure decisions and recommendations are based on the best knowledge, information and input available at the time.
16. A quorum shall be five members comprised of at least two (2) allied industry members, at least two (2) grower members, and the Chair.

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17. Meetings may be called at the request of the Board, at the call of the Chair of the Committee, or at the request of at least three (3) Committee members.
18. In the event of decisions requiring a vote, a simple majority shall determine the question. The Chair shall be non-voting. Abstentions shall be considered negative votes. Tie votes shall be considered defeated.
19. The Committee shall meet semi-annually at a minimum.
20. Meetings shall be held at the Board offices, and the Board will provide its board room for this purpose.
21. The Board shall provide secretarial and administrative support to the Committee.
22. Minutes of meetings shall be kept and approved by the Committee.
23. All Committee members shall comply with the Board's Conflict of Interest Guidelines as amended from time to time.
24. The Board may, at its sole discretion, pay a per diem to Committee members.

Specialty Markets Advisory Committee

25. A Specialty Markets Advisory Committee shall be established for the purpose of providing the Board with advice concerning specialty markets, the production and marketing of specialty turkey, and new market innovations having the potential to expand the B.C. turkey industry.

Specialty Markets Advisory Committee Composition

26. The Board shall make all appointments to the Specialty Markets Advisory Committee.
27. Appointments shall be for a period of one (1) year. There shall be no limit to the number of years a person can be appointed to the Committee.
28. Appointments shall be for the quota year, running from May to April.
29. The Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of 3 persons selected from the following groups:
 - one (1) certified organic grower holding Certified Organic quota;
 - one (1) direct marketer holding at least one class of Primary quota; and,
 - one (1) processor or processor broker involved with marketing specialty turkey products.

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30. In addition, the Committee shall have one (1) Board member serving as a non-voting member of the Committee.
31. All appointees must be in good standing with the Board.

Specialty Markets Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

32. The Committee shall provide the Board with advice on the following matters:
 - market trends for specialty turkey products, including supply, demand and price trends;
 - allocation needs to meet the market demand for specialty products, including making allocation recommendations for the Board's periodic distribution of allocation received from CTMA;
 - assessment of new innovations proposed by growers seeking entry through the New Entrant Growers Programme;
 - unique production protocols for specialty production, and specifically concerning on-farm food safety and bio-security protocols, and how these impact the Board's Farm Practices Regulation;
 - policy recommendations concerning specialty turkey production and marketing; and,
 - any other matters considered by the Board or the Committee to be related to the production and marketing of specialty turkey products.
33. The Committee shall not be compelled to advise the Board on any matter.
34. The Committee shall not delay decision making by the Board.

Specialty Markets Advisory Committee Procedures

35. The Committee shall choose from among its members a Chair. In the event the Committee is unable to agree on a Chair, the Board shall appoint a Chair independent of the Committee, the Board and persons or entities licensed by the Board.
36. The Committee is intended to undertake its work and make decisions based on cooperation and consensus.
37. In the event of decisions requiring a vote, a simple majority shall determine the question.
38. If the Chair is a member of the Committee, the Chair shall have a tie-breaking vote. If the Chair is independent of the Committee, the Chair shall be non-voting.

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39. A quorum shall be the three (3) members including the Chair.
40. Meetings may be called at the request of the Board, at the call of the Chair of the Committee, or at the request of at least two (2) Committee members.
41. The Committee shall meet annually at a minimum.
42. Meetings shall be held at the Board offices, and the Board will provide its Board room for this purpose.
43. The Board shall provide secretarial and administrative support to the Committee.
44. Minutes of meetings shall be kept and approved by the Committee.
45. The Board may, at its sole discretion, pay a per diem to Committee members.

The Board, at its discretion, may exempt any person(s) of any of the sections of this Regulation upon an application by such a person and due consideration of the matter including consultation with any other person(s) who might be affected by such an exemption.

Signed and dated at Surrey, British Columbia, this ^h day of July 2006 for and on behalf of the
BRITISH COLUMBIA TURKEY MARKETING BOARD.

Ronald Charles, Chairman

Eric Andrew, Vice-Chairman

Les Burm, Member

Shawn Heppell, Member