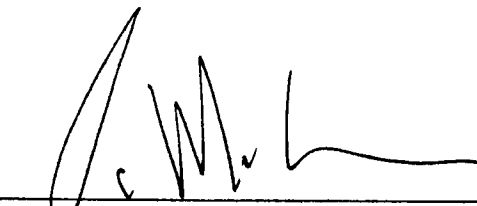


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WINNIPEG -- Ottawa has served notice that it will sack a **Canadian Wheat Board** executive who once called the Harper government's tactics "un-Canadian."

Agriculture Minister Chuck Strahl informed CWB president and CEO Adrian Measner by letter that he was contemplating a recommendation to cabinet that his appointment be "terminated."

Strahl gave Measner until Dec. 14 to respond in writing.

While a Strahl spokesman stressed Thursday that Measner had not been fired, the wheat board was already mourning the loss of the 32-year CWB veteran on Thursday.

"The board is treating this as the first step in the eventual removal of the president and CEO," said Deanna Allen, a wheat board vice-president, noting that the letter Measner received Wednesday is virtually identical to one Strahl wrote earlier this fall to a board appointee from Regina who was replaced.

Ken Ritter, a Saskatchewan farmer who chairs the CWB's board of directors, said Measner's removal would be a blow to the grain seller, which markets Prairie wheat and barley to more than 70 countries.

"He's highly respected in the whole grain industry. He's highly respected by the staff and has the board of directors' support," Ritter said.

"And I think that the loss of an individual who has a strong reputation and is known for integrity is certainly lamentable."

Conrad Bellehumeur, Strahl's director of communications, said Measner has not been fired.

Instead, Bellehumeur said that Measner is being given the opportunity to make clear whether he backs the government's plan to make good on the Tory promise to move to marketing choice.

"The minister wants to be confident that (the government's) appointees support its position," he said.

But Allen said a member of Strahl's staff told her that the government already had a short list of candidates to replace Measner.

She said another Strahl staffer told a wheat board employee that "we've given your boss two weeks' notice."

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The CWB board of directors will hold a conference call this morning to discuss the matter.

Ritter said as far as he knows, no board member received prior notice from Strahl or his office of the letter to Measner.

He said he tried to reach the minister or his officials Thursday, but was unable to get through.

A wheat board employee, who asked not to be named, said staff at the board's Winnipeg headquarters were "shocked" after learning from Measner Thursday afternoon that his days at the board were numbered.

"There was a general silence, some of the staff members were in tears," the employee said.

The wheat board has a monopoly over the export of Prairie wheat and barley as well as the sale of those crops domestically for human consumption.

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Photo: Measner