

BRITISH COLUMBIA VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION

POLICY

ANNUAL RENEWAL WHOLESALE LICENCE

The regulated marketing of certain vegetables provides for their orderly marketing and the licensing of producers, Designated Agencies (central selling desks), wholesalers and processors engaged in the transportation, packing, storage and marketing of Regulated Products for sale within British Columbia and in interprovincial and export trade.

At all times the Commission shall have the final authority in the granting of licences and may decide not to renew a licence if it determines that doing so is not in the best interest of the industry

Licence Renewal

At the time of renewal the Wholesale Licensee is to be in good standing with the Commission.

Licensing Period

Once issued a renewed Wholesale License is valid for the period of time set out on the licence.

The licensing period commences on the date of issue; its duration is no longer than 365 consecutive days; and all issued licences expire March 1.

Licence Renewal Process

Licence renewal information is sent to Wholesale licensees in February, which is approximately one month prior to licence expiration.

When applying for renewal of a Wholesale Licence, your submission must include the following: 1) a completed and signed licence renewal application (form supplied to you by the Commission); 2) evidence or documents acceptable to the Commission demonstrating that all elements of the **Wholesale Licence Annual Renewal Criteria** are satisfied, including documentation confirming that the licensee's premises meet health and food safety standards; and 3) payment for the then prevailing requisite annual Wholesale Licence fee.

VMC Licence Renewal Decision

The VMC decision to renew or not renew a Wholesale Licence will rely upon the *Wholesale Licence Annual Renewal Policy* and *Wholesale Licence Annual Renewal Criteria*. The licence renewal criteria are set out in a separate document.

Administration

Providing complete information and payment of the annual renewal licence fee when submitting the licence renewal application form to the Commission will permit timely administration and licence issuance.

Cancellation or Suspension and Non-Transferability of a Wholesale Licence

Any wholesale licensee found to be in violation of any of the *Wholesale Licence Annual Renewal Policy* and *Wholesale Licence Annual Renewal Criteria* may be subject to it being cancelled or suspended by the VMC.

As is the case for all licences issued by the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (VMC) they are not transferable.

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CRITERIA

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At all times the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (VMC) shall have the final authority in the granting of licences and may decide not to renew a licence if it determines that doing so is not in the best interest of the industry.

For a Wholesale Licence to be renewed the licensee must demonstrate to the Commission's satisfaction that each of the following criteria is met:

- 1) at time of renewal Wholesale licensee is in good standing with the Commission.
- 2) whether operating as a proprietorship, partnership or limited company the ownership structure continues to be one that is at "arm's length" from a Licensed Producer
- 3) wholesale operations, including the transporting, packing, storing and marketing of Regulated Product(s), continue not to use facilities or equipment located in or on real property owned, leased, rented, occupied, controlled or managed by a Licensed Producer
- 4) demonstrate to the Commission's satisfaction that \$75,000 or more in value of regulated product(s) has been purchased from an agency or agencies of the Commission during the prevailing licensing period
- 5) demonstrate that no less than 10 retail food outlets/food service firms have been regularly serviced during the prevailing licensing period
- 6) demonstrate to the Commission's satisfaction that the wholesale premises where the wholesale activities are conducted continue to have storage, cooler and ripening room capacity, commensurate with the intended regular volume of business, so that care and handling of regulated product(s) in a food safe manner is assured
- 7) demonstrate to the Commission's satisfaction, that the wholesale premise in its entirety continues to meet applicable health and food safety standards, and for doing so, provide the Commission with a valid and subsisting food safety certification issued by an agency of the Provincial Government; a BC Regional Health Authority; the Canada Food Inspection Agency (CFIA); or a recognized and accredited food safety certifier acceptable to the Commission.

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