

October 16, 2024

VIA EMAIL

TO: MPL British Columbia Distributors Inc.(MPL),
Jem-D International (Dba Red Sun Farms), and
Industry Participants

**Re: In The Matter Of The Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act And
A Review Of A Probationary Agency Designation And Certain Agency
Applications**

The deadline for written reply submissions was set for October 22, 2024.

On October 15, 2024, counsel for MPL requested a one-week extension for the filing of written reply submissions to Tuesday, October 29, 2024. A copy of that letter is attached.

This matter was brought to the attention of the panel Chair and a decision was made to grant an extension of the deadline for all reply submissions to October 29, 2024.

Sincerely,



Andre Solymosi
General Manager

Attachment:
2024-10-15 LT BCVMC re Extension for MPL BC Agency License Review Reply Written
Submissions.pdf

October 15, 2024

File No. 582211-1

VIA EMAIL (asolymosi@bcveg.com)BC Vegetable Marketing Commission
207 – 15252 32nd Ave
Surrey, BC B3Z 0R7**Attn: Andre Solymosi, General Manager**

Dear Mr. Solymosi,

Re: MPL British Columbia Distributors Inc. - Request for Extension to Deadline for Filing Written Submissions

We write in response to the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (the “**Commission**”) October 11, 2024 interim decision, to request an extension of the deadline to file reply submissions. The Commission’s September 24, 2024 interim decision set the following schedule for exchange of responsive submissions and reply submissions:

1. On or before October 7, 2024, MPL BC, Red Sun and participating industry stakeholders were to file written submissions responsive to Red Sun and MPL BC’s written submissions. The Commission was to circulate all such responding submissions among MPL BC, Red Sun, and industry stakeholders (no date specified); and
2. Red Sun and MPL BC were to have until October 22, 2024 to file any written reply submissions.

We write to request a one week extension of the deadline for filing written reply submissions, to Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

The above schedule suggested that parties would have 2 weeks to file reply submissions. However, responsive submissions were not circulated until late in the day on October 11, 2024, prior to the long weekend, leaving only a week (after the long week) for preparing replies. Key team members at MPL BC, who have been and continue to be critical in MPL BC’s preparation in these proceedings, are unavailable during this period. This will impair our ability to obtain instructions. For instance, Paul Mastronardi, CEO of MPL BC, and David Einsteadig, Secretary, are both away at an industry conference and in all-day meetings this week. In the circumstances, we respectfully request that the Commission extend the deadline for filing MPL BC’s written reply submissions to Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,
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