

BCGGA v BC Vegetable Marketing Commission (N2403)

By letter dated September 17, 2024, the Commission decided to suspend further payments to the BC Greenhouse Growers Association (the “BCGGA”) until the BCGGA provides the Commission with sufficient information and documentation showing how funds received by it are expended, and demonstrating that none of the funds are being used, directly or indirectly, to further initiatives that are inconsistent with the Scheme. The decision under appeal also requires, as a precondition to any further funding, that the BCGGA demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commission that its use of Commission funds is consistent with the Scheme and in the best interests of producers. A copy of the Commission’s September 17, 2024, decision is available [here](#).

On October 16, 2024, the BCGGA filed an appeal from the Commission’s decision with the BC Farm Industry Review Board (the “BCFIRB”). A copy of the BCGGA’s Notice of Appeal is available [here](#).

The Commission’s position in response to the appeal is set out in its letter dated November 13, 2024, addressed to the BCFIRB. A copy of that letter is available [here](#).

Any greenhouse vegetable producer who wishes to participate in the appeal as an intervener may apply to the BCFIRB for intervener status pursuant to Rule 10 of the BCFIRB’s Rules of Practice and Procedure for Appeals under the Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 330. Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Sara Thiesson, Senior Case Manager, BCFIRB, at Sara.Thiesson@gov.bc.ca.

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