



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA  
Thursday, March 7, 2024**

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# Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rural/Agriculture Committee Supplementary

**To:** Chair and Committee  
**From:** Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator  
**Date:** March 7, 2024  
**Subject:** **Clarification regarding BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Expansion of Regulated Area**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** (all/directors/majority)

Receive.

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## BACKGROUND

Further to the announcement from February 2, 2024, the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission has issued the attached document with clarification in response to numerous inquiries.

Please see the attached news release for more information.

## ATTACHMENTS

Clarification Regarding Inquiries on the Application of the General Orders and Licensing Requirements

## **Clarification Regarding Inquiries on the Application of the General Orders and Licensing Requirements**

In our news release circulated February 2, 2024, we provided readers with information that all vegetables grown in the province are subject to the British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Commission's (Commission) authority and that as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the regulated area was expanded to the entire province. This decision was made in consideration of climate change and changes in agricultural practices that utilize controlled environment structures.

Following this news release we have received numerous inquiries asking if the regulations apply to a producer of a small volume of regulated vegetables. In answering your questions, this expanded area applies to both Producers and Commercial Producers as defined by the British Columbia Vegetable Scheme (Scheme) and the General Orders.

A "Producer" means a person who operates a farm on which one (1) tonne or more of the regulated product has been produced during the immediately preceding twelve (12) months. A "Commercial Producer" is a Producer that has grown a regulated product on the farm that is a gross value to the Producer of \$5,000 or more. Therefore, if you satisfy the criteria that defines a Producer or Commercial Producer, you are a regulated entity and are required to be licensed by the Commission. If you produce less than one (1) tonne of regulated vegetables, you do not meet the definition of a Producer and are therefore not required to be licensed by the Commission.

If you have sent an email to the Commission, we are in the process of addressing each of your questions and will respond to your inquiries as soon as we can.

In the meantime, information concerning the application of these regulations can be obtained from the Commission's website [www.bcveg.com](http://www.bcveg.com), or by contacting the Commission directly. Please direct your inquiries to the Commission's Compliance Manager.

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