

# BRITISH COLUMBIA VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION

## Policy

### **Determining When Producers Are Multiple Registration Farms**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria that will be relied upon by the VMC for determining when producers are classified multiple registration farms and having been so determined are limited to ship one or more of the regulated products (regulated crops) produced for marketing to only one Designated Agency.

#### **Overview**

Farm businesses are usually legally structured as proprietorships, spousal and formal partnerships; and limited companies. Regardless of the structure of the business entity it is licensed by the VMC as a Producer and is assigned either Delivery or Production Allocation.

In the instance of multiple registrations (more than one Producer License issued and each licensee is assigned Delivery or Production Allocation) and regardless of whether or not there is or is not common ownership among the licensees yet there is the occurrence that the licensees work cooperatively and collaboratively to the extent that the farm businesses are effectively one management unit the VMC will require regulated product produced by the multiple licensees to be shipped to only one Designated Agency.

#### **VMC Decision**

A VMC determination that two or more licensees are operating in a manner meeting the criteria set out below is to be a condition of licensing.

The VMC will rely upon its discretion when determining when two or more licensed Producers are determined to be classified as multiple registration farms and limited to shipping to one Designated Agency.

#### **Criteria**

When one or more of the below listed criteria is evident the VMC will determine that the involved licensed producers are classified as multiple registration farms

- Regardless of location and proximity of farm production lands, whether owned or rented/leased, when lands are managed in a systematic way for the production of regulated products, including rotation crops, and for achieving agronomic, sustainability and stewardship outcomes
- Farm equipment, both power and implements, are regularly shared and exchanged
- Regardless of location and proximity of storage facilities regulated product is stored, graded, washed, packaged in a manner where one licensee's regulated product may substitute for that of another licensee
- Regulated product is graded, washed and packaged using a common facility
- There is the potential for comingling of regulated product that if it occurs it can compromise on-farm food safety and supply chain traceability

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