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Subject:

FW: Meat Production Modernization – Update and Consultation Opportunity

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

I am writing to provide you with an update on Meat Production Modernization and to invite you to participate in consultation on proposed amendments to the Meat Inspection Regulation that might affect your regional district.

On September 14, 2020, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries released a Rural Slaughter Modernization Intentions Paper for public comment. The consultation period closed on November 16, 2020. 88 submissions were received.

Feedback on the intentions paper supports modernization of meat production and highlights the potential for further improvement to meat inspection and overall administration. Support for modernization and increasing access to local meat is high.

- To review the feedback, read the <u>Modernizing Rural Meat Production in B.C. What We Heard report (PDF, 1.2</u> <u>MB)</u>.
- To learn more about the changes being proposed, read the <u>Meat Production Modernization: Next Steps</u> <u>factsheet (PDF, 70 KB)</u>.

In response to feedback the ministry received in the fall, the government is now proposing amendments to the Meat Inspection Regulation. You are invited to provide input on the proposed amendments. Please contact me within 30 days if you would like to request more information or book an online meeting. In response to feedback the ministry received in the fall, the government is now proposing amendments to the Meat Inspection Regulation that might affect your regional district. The proposed changes include discontinuing the use of designated areas.

You are invited to provide input on the proposed amendments. Please contact me within 30 days if you would like to request more information or book an online meeting.

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