



January 19, 2010

To: All Milk Producers

Subject: **QUOTA TRANSFER AND DONATION POLICIES TO BE REVIEWED**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Effective January 14, 2010, until the relevant quota policies and administrative procedures are reviewed, DFO will not approve applications to donate or transfer quota **other than transactions conducted over the quota exchange**. Applications postmarked or received on January 14, 2010 or earlier will be processed under currently published policies.

The review is to be completed and considered by the Board, by no later than the end of February 2010. Clarification and changes, if any, will be communicated in writing following Board approval.

The review is being undertaken to ensure that as many quota sales as possible take place over the quota exchange.

The policies that will be reviewed include quota donations, quota acquired with the purchases of on-going operations, quota exchange proration exemptions, shared facilities and farm relocations.

The intent is to ensure there are no transactions where the intent is to merge separate quota holdings. The overriding objective of DFO's quota policy is to ensure all producers have equitable access to quota.

Your co-operation and understanding in this important matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Emmott".

Bill Emmott
Chair

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