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Dear Mr. MacPherson:

I am writing to follow up on your recent correspondence regarding Resolution no. 15 adopted by the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) at its 2024 Annual General Meeting of June 11, 2024.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is the regulatory body responsible for overseeing the safety of Canada's food supply, as well as protecting animal health and Canada's plant resource base. The CFIA administers or enforces all or part of 10 federal statutes: a total of 24 different sets of regulations flow from these Acts.

Under its legislative mandate, the CFIA develops and delivers inspection and other services to:

- protect plant resources from pests, diseases and invasive species;
- prevent and manage animal diseases, including diseases that threaten human health (e.g. avian influenza);
- prevent and manage food safety risks (e.g. inspection, food recalls);
- contribute to consumer protection (e.g. labelling claims); and
- facilitate market access for Canada's food, plants and animals.

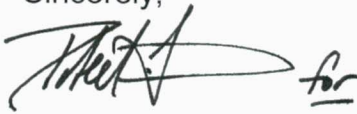
Ministerial responsibility for the CFIA's activities is shared between the Minister of Health and the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food (AAFC). With respect to the CFIA, the Minister of Health is responsible for the overall direction of the CFIA and for all

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activities related to food safety. The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food holds the powers and carries out the functions under any Act the CFIA administers or enforces related to **animal health**, seed quality, plant protection, feed, fertilizer, plant breeders' rights, non-food safety agricultural activities, as well as **economic and trade facilitation**. The Ministers work together to collaboratively advance initiatives that cross areas of responsibilities. I believe that this division of responsibility corresponds with your proposal to align the animal health and trade activities of the CFIA within AAFC.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul MacKinnon", followed by the word "for" written in a smaller, cursive script.

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