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Subject: Ministry of Agriculture - Release of Intentions Paper for Rural Slaughter Modernization

Good afternoon,

Earlier today the Ministry of Agriculture [announced the release of an intentions paper](#) regarding proposed changes to rural slaughter within B.C. The intentions paper is attached here, and can also be found on the [Meat Inspection and Licensing website](#), in the right-hand sidebar.

Effective December 1, 2020 administration of Class D and E licences will be returning to the Ministry, and this intentions paper and consultation process is one way we are exploring further options to improve rural slaughter ([See the August 19, 2020 news release here](#)).

We are inviting industry and the public to review the proposed changes contained in the intentions paper and to provide comment by October 19, 2020, either to bcmeatinspection@gov.bc.ca, or mailed to us at:

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We will review your comments and submissions, and will complete an action plan for implementation with the goal of developing and finalizing approaches suggested in the intentions paper, and beginning regulatory and policy change by late fall 2020.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, or would like to submit your feedback regarding the ideas being proposed in the intentions paper, please get in touch with us at bcmeatinspection@gov.bc.ca.

Please forward this message and intentions paper to any relevant parties or organizations who may wish to provide comment.

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