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Dear Barry Friesen:

I am pleased to issue an Approval to Cleanfarms Inc. (Cleanfarms) for the Stewardship Program Plan for Designated Agricultural Plastics (the Program), for Manitoba, effective April 1, 2021. Pursuant to Section 7(4) of the Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation (Regulation) under the Waste Reduction and Prevention Act, this Approval will expire March 31, 2026.

This Approval is issued to Cleanfarms under Section 7(2) of the Regulation and is subject to Cleanfarms meeting the conditions as set forth in "Attachment A" of this letter, and which forms part of this Approval. If I am not assured that Cleanfarms is implementing or operating the Program in accordance with its intent, additional conditions may be imposed to ensure that the environmental outcomes and regulatory requirements are fulfilled.

The province is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of Manitoba's waste reduction and recycling legislation and programming to identify opportunities for modernization and enhancement. The recommendations that come out of this review will inform our path forward for all of our programs. I expect Cleanfarms to work with Manitoba Conservation and Climate to implement any pertinent recommendations that result from this review.

Any notices provided to department officials pursuant to this Approval shall be submitted in writing to:

Director, Environmental Programs and Remediation Branch  
Manitoba Conservation and Climate  
Box 38, 200 Saulteaux Crescent  
Winnipeg MB R3J 3W3

Cleanfarms should submit their next application for renewal of this Approval by October 31, 2025 to ensure adequate time for review and public consultation.

Once implemented, this will be the second provincially-regulated agricultural plastics stewardship program available in Canada and the first one to include multiple designated materials. I would like to congratulate Cleanfarms on the development of this program; I appreciate all the hard work and stakeholder engagement required to get to this point, and I look forward to the operation of the Program in the Province of Manitoba.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Guillemard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sarah Guillemard  
Minister

Attachment

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Conditions of Approval**  
Cleanfarms Inc.

The conditions set forth below form part of the Ministerial Approval for Cleanfarms' Stewardship Program Plan for Designated Agricultural Plastics (the Program) pursuant to the Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation (Regulation) and are as follows:

THAT Cleanfarms:

1. Implement and operate the Program substantially in accordance with its intent, consistent with the requirements of the Waste Reduction and Prevention Act, the Regulation, the Conditions of Approval and the Guideline for Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship, as approved and amended from time to time.
2. Identify a senior official with Cleanfarms as a contact person to work with my officials at Manitoba Conservation and Climate to provide such assistance or any information (including both financial and non-financial information) that may be deemed necessary in a timely manner to enable them to provide me with information to assess whether Cleanfarms has implemented the Program and that it is operating substantially in accordance with its intent and the Conditions of Approval and, if applicable, subsequent amendments to this Approval.
3. Retained earnings shown on Cleanfarms' financial statement for the Manitoba Program (total revenues less total expenditures), as determined by an external auditor, shall not at any time during the term of this Approval, exceed an amount equal to one year's program revenue.
4. Establish baseline material recovery rates for grain bags and twine based on the first full year of program operation and increase those recovery rates by 25 per cent by the end of the term of this Approval.
5. Continue to explore opportunities to expand the Program to manage additional agricultural plastic products and materials, including silage film and bale wrap.
6. Submit an annual report to Director, Environmental Programs and Remediation Branch, per the applicable regulation and guidelines.
7. Provide updated information on collection sites/depot locations to Manitoba Conservation and Climate when requested or when substantial changes occur.
8. Maintain its status as a body corporate and registration under The Corporations Act, C.C.S.M. c. C225 (Manitoba) while operating the Program.