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Kim Timmer
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Dear Ms. Timmer,

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our recent conversations around the regulatory obligations placed on brand owners/retailers, and Cleanfarms, as it relates to Cleanfarms' Agricultural Plastic Product Stewardship Program.

Waste diversion is a key priority for Islanders. The Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action wants to ensure that programming is in place to help farmers manage their agricultural plastics. We also want to ensure that industry and farmers have the appropriate lead time to adjust to the new requirements.

As discussed, the department is exploring how it can provide Cleanfarms with transitional funding to cover the costs of recovering the following agricultural plastic products that are identified in Section 110.1 (c) of The Materials Stewardship and Recycling Regulations, EC349/14 (the Regulation):

- (i) low density polyethylene grain and silage bags, silage bunker covers and tarps,
- (ii) low density polyethylene bale and silage wrap, and
- (iii) polypropylene twine; and
- (iv) low density polyethylene or polypropylene bags, and paper bags, whether lined with plastic or other material or not, used for fertilizer.

In order for the department to provide the appropriate transitional funding, we are asking Cleanfarms to work with brand owners/retailers to generate the appropriate sales data so that Cleanfarms can accurately invoice the department. We ask that Cleanfarms provide our department with an estimate of costs by August 31, 2023.

It is important to note that the regulatory obligations on brand owners/retailers, and Cleanfarms, remain in effect. Brand owners/retailers are required to operate an agricultural plastic product program or enter into an agreement with an agent, like Cleanfarms, to operate an agricultural plastic product program on their behalf. The department trusts Cleanfarms and brand owners/retailers to work together to ensure all parties are compliant.

Please note that this transitional funding will be available to cover costs incurred from December 1, 2022 until October 1, 2024.

The department looks forward to continued work on this file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Jackson', is positioned above the typed name.

Barry Jackson
Manager, Product Stewardship and Regulatory Affairs