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**THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Re: Approval to Release to Public Hearing Proposed Amendments to the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation* (BC Regulation 296/97, as amended) and the *Regulations for Agricultural Operations* (BC Regulation 146/93, as amended): Reducing Duplication and Redundancy**

**WHEREAS:**

Pursuant to section 225(1) of the *Workers Compensation Act* and amendments thereto ("Act"), the Workers' Compensation Board ("Board") may make regulations the Board considers necessary or advisable in relation to occupational health and safety and occupational environment;

**AND WHEREAS:**

Pursuant to section 226(1)(a) of the *Act*, the Board, before making a regulation, must give notice of the proposed regulation in the BC Gazette and in at least three newspapers, of which one must be published in the City of Victoria and one in the City of Vancouver;

**AND WHEREAS:**

Pursuant to section 226(1)(b) of the *Act*, the Board, before making a regulation, must hold at least one public hearing on the proposed regulation;

**AND WHEREAS:**

The Board has drafted proposed amendments to reduce duplication and redundancy in the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation* ("OHSR") and the *Regulations for Agricultural Operations* ("Agriculture Regulations");

**AND WHEREAS:**

The Board has drafted proposed amendments to the *OHSR* and the *Agriculture Regulations* to reflect the Board's restricted jurisdiction in aircraft operations;

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The proposed amendments in the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation* as set out in Appendices A and B and C and D and E and F and G and H and I and J be released to public hearing.
2. The proposed amendments in the *Regulations for Agricultural Operations* set out in Appendix K be released to public hearing.
3. The Director General of the Policy and Regulation Development Bureau is appointed to chair the public hearing panel together with such additional members as she may determine and is to report back to the Board of Directors on the outcome of the hearing.
4. The public hearing on the proposed amendments will take place in Richmond, and in such other locations as determined appropriate by the Director General of the Policy and Regulation Development Bureau.
5. Notice of the proposed amendments will be published in the BC Gazette and in newspapers published in the City of Victoria and in the City of Vancouver and in at least one other location as may be deemed appropriate by the Director General of the Policy and Regulation Development Bureau.

DATED at Richmond, British Columbia, February 11, 2003.

**By the Workers' Compensation Board**

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**DOUG ENNS, CHAIR  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**