BYLAW DEVELOPMENT: A RED TAPE REDUCTION EFFORT

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The Government of Alberta continues down the path of regulatory red tape reduction. Through Marketing Council, the oversight body for the 20 agricultural boards and commissions in Alberta, Alberta Pulse Growers (APG) has been asked to develop bylaws that will help to remove sections of the Alberta Pulse Growers Marketing Plan Regulation, and subsequently streamline and improve the overall regulatory process.

The authority to develop bylaws arose when changes were made to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act (MAPA) in July 2020. Bylaws are alternate regulatory instruments and are rules that support the governance of members and regulation of affairs that support operation of the organization. For example, terms of office, elections of directors and executive, general rights of producers and overall governance of the organization. These items can be removed from regulation and placed into bylaws.

This effort will enable a more streamlined process for APG in the future to gain approval if there are changes to bylaws versus the task of making changes to Marketing Plan Regulations. Marketing Council will be able to consider approval of proposed bylaw changes quicker as they only need Council review, as opposed to regulatory changes which require approvals from Council and the Minister.

APG will be targeting creation of bylaws to present to the membership for support. Watch the APG website for more information.