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Mr. Todd Eastman
Chair, Labour Committee
Director - North West Region
Alberta Beekeepers Commission
11434 - 168 Street
Edmonton, AB T5M 3T9

Dear Mr. Eastman:

Thank you for your letter of March 26, 2010, to Mr. Don Wilson, Acting Director of Driver Programs and Licensing Standards, regarding operator licensing and residency status for temporary foreign workers employed in the beekeeping industry. I understand the importance of these workers to your industry.

Please be advised that temporary foreign workers are not considered residents of Alberta under the *Traffic Safety Act* of Alberta. As a result, they do not require an Alberta operator's licence. However, temporary foreign workers are required to carry with them the following documents:

1. An operator's licence from their home jurisdiction that permits them to operate the type of vehicle they will be operating in Alberta,
2. An International Driver's Permit accurately translating the home jurisdiction's operator's permit, and
3. The original or certified copy of the Canadian government permits authorizing their stay in Canada and, more specifically, Alberta.

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I regret the delay in forwarding this response; however, I wanted to review matters to ensure that Alberta's highways continue to provide the motoring public with a safe environment within which your members can be competitive. Alberta Transportation will be consulting with Service Alberta and law enforcement authorities to ensure that the policy around the licensing of temporary foreign workers is clarified.

Sincerely,

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

Luke Ouellette
Minister of Transportation
M.L.A., Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

cc: Honourable Heather Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta
Honourable Frank Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security