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Dear Retailer,

The Alaska Division of Agriculture would like to summarize the quarantines and regulations surrounding the import and/ or sale of seed potatoes and tomato plants in the State of Alaska. These quarantines and regulations have been established to prevent harmful pests and pathogens from being introduced into Alaska.

To prevent the movement and spread of harmful pests and pathogens into and within Alaska, Alaska Regulations and Quarantines prohibit the sale of seed potatoes unless they are Certified by the Official seed certification agency of the state or country of origin and this Certification must be on display. In addition to this, a new exterior quarantine, effective February 29, 2020, which requires all Certified seed potatoes may not be imported into Alaska unless accompanied by a North American Health Certificate or Official Certificate, certified by the State or Country Official Seed Certifying Agency that demonstrates each lot and field generation from the previous production year, does not exceed the Alaska Certified Seed Potato Program disease tolerances at final field inspection.

To prevent the movement of Potato Late Blight Disease (*Phytophthora infestans*) into Alaska, a quarantine is in effect which restricts the importation of seed potatoes and tomato plants. Shipments of seed potatoes and tomato plants must be inspected and treated at origin and have an official certificate meeting the conditions of this quarantine.

To prevent the movement of Columbia Root-knot Nematode (*Meloidognye chitwoodi*) into Alaska, a quarantine is in effect that prohibits the importation of seed potatoes from Washington, Idaho, and specific counties in California, Oregon and Nevada that are in areas infected with this nematode.

Thank you for your cooperation and if you have other questions or would like more detailed information on the quarantines and regulations please contact me directly at 907-761-3866 or at Mia.Kirk@alaska.gov.

If you would like to source Alaska Certified Seed Potatoes, attached is the 2020 Certified Seed Potato Growers Directory with Varieties available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mia Kirk".

Mia Kirk, Development Specialist
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