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Dear Retailer,

The State of Alaska Division of Agriculture would like to advise retail store managers of the plant health requirements for the sale of seed potatoes and tomato plants from out-of-state sources. In order to prevent commodities infected with Potato Late Blight disease (*Phytophthora infestans*) from entering Alaska, the Division of Agriculture has established quarantines which are in effect and summarized below.

RESTRICTIONS: The following regulated articles are prohibited into Alaska except under the following conditions:

1. Seed potatoes or potato plants:
   a. must be produced as certified seed potatoes in the state or country of origin and be certified; and
   b. must be inspected in storage with no late blight found in the lot; and
   c. must be inspected at the shipping point with no late blight found.

2. Tomato plants imported from outside Alaska: (Tomato seeds are excluded):
   a. must be grown in a nursery/greenhouse inspected and found free of late blight; and
   b. must be inspected at the shipping point and no late blight is found; and
   c. must be treated prior to shipment with a registered fungicide for late blight disease control.

3. Each shipment of regulated articles into Alaska shall be accompanied by an official certificate issued by the government regulatory agency in the state or country of origin assuring that the conditions of this quarantine have been met.

Please Note: Seed potatoes, potato and tomato plants that do not meet the above requirements are prohibited.

Also, under *Alaska Administrative Code* (ACC) 11 ACC 32.050, both Alaska-grown and imported seed potatoes **must have attached to each container or display the applicable seed certification tag or Identification issued by the official certification agency** of the state or country of origin and also be labeled with the following information:

a. Common name of the product, unless the container is transparent and the product is easily and readily identifiable through the container
b. Name and address of the Grower or Packer;
c. Net Weight; and
d. USDA Grade of the seed potatoes, in letters not less than one inch in height on containers of 24 lbs or more and in letters not less than one-half inch in height on containers holding less than 24 lbs.

Please be advised that staff from the Division of Agriculture will be conducting inspections to ensure compliance with these requirements. Seed potatoes and tomato plants that do not meet the above requirements are "prohibited" and therefore not permitted for sale.

Thank you for your efforts in assisting with keeping this devastating crop disease out of Alaska. Also, for your information the 2014 Alaska Certified Seed Growers and the 2014 Certified Seed Varieties are attached to this document.

If you would like additional information or have questions about this important subject please contact: Mia Kirk at (907) 761-3853, mia.kirk@alaska.gov ; Curtis Knight at (907) 374-3732, curtis.knight@alaska.gov; or Barb Hanson at (907) 761-3854, barbara.hanson@alaska.gov or visit our web site at: http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/

Sincerely,

Douglas Warner

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Division of Agriculture

2014 Alaska Certified Seed Potato Growers*

Mat-Su/ Anchorage Area:

Little Susitna Farm	8470 Russet Rd, Palmer	746-5496	trout@mtaonline.net
Dearborn Farm	980 S. Trunk Rd, Palmer	745-3501	Dearborn@mtaonline.net
Greg Kalal	8621 Witherspoon Cir, Anchorage	339-1966	gkalal@gci.net
Pyrah's Pioneer Peak Farm	PO Box 960, Palmer	745-4511	pppfarm@hotmail.com
VanderWeele Farms, LLC	PO Box 461, Palmer	745-3597	vdweele@mtaonline.net
Jeff Smeenk	506 E. Fireweed, Palmer	746-2773	Jeff.smeenk@gmail.com

Fairbanks/ Nenana/ Delta Junction Area:

Ebbesson Farms	PO Box 370, Nenana	479-0440	soebbesson@alaska.edu
Pingo Farm	999 Maura St, Fairbanks	479-7977	
Frank Borman	HC 60 Box 4199-1, Delta Juction	895-4148	bormanf@yahoo.com
Raymond Brasier	PO Box 483, Delta Junction	895-4961	brasierfarms@alaska.net

Kodiak Area:

Faith Farms	PO Box 625, Kodiak	486-3099	

Soldotna / Homer area:

Oceanside Farms	811 Ocean Dr Lp, Homer	235-7873	surfshack@acsalaska.net

Haines Area:

George Campbell	PO Box 210732, Haines	723-0435	

*These growers can provide Alaska Grown products to reduce the risk of importing invasive pests and diseases.

2014 Certified Potato Varieties*:

Aggeblum	Alasclear	Alaska Frostless	Alaska Red
Alaska Redeye	Alaska Sweetheart	All Blue	Atlantic
AK114	BakeKing	Bell de Fontenay	Bintje
Blue Shetland	Bush's Peanut	Cain's Irish Rocks	Cal White
Cal White Russet	Caribe	Cherry Red	Chieftan
Classic Russet	Cow Horn	Daisy Gold	Dakota Rose
Daku	Dark Red Norland	Denali	Desiree
Exp 4-22	Exp Fiesta 29-6	Exp JS	French Fingerling
Frontier Russet	German Butterball	Goldrush Russet	Hilat Russet
Hilite Russet	Huckleberry	Iditared	Jemseg
Jogeva Yellow Estonian	Kennebec	Kerr's Pink	Keuka Gold
Kilfi	King Edward	Knik	Krantz
Lemhi	Long Red	Magic Molly	Magic Myrna
MaineStay	Mrs. Moehler's Yellow	Nicola	Nipigon
NorDonna	NY149	Peanut	Pike
Pimpernel	Purple Viking	Ranger Russet	Red Beauty
Red Gold	Red Pontiac	Redsen	Richter's Jubel
Robinta	Rosa	Rose Finn Apple	Rote Eerstling
Royal Kidney	Russet Norkotah	Russian Banana	Sangre 11
Shepody	Slovenian Crescent	Snowchip	Spunta
Superior	Tundra	Urgenta	White Rose BC
White Rural New Yorker	Yam	Yellow Finn	Yukon Jem
Yukon Gold			

*Please Note: Not all varieties are available from all Certified Seed Growers, contact Seed growers for their list