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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 in Alaska. In order to prevent commodities infected with Potato Late Blight disease (*Phytophthora infestans*) from entering Alaska, the Division of Agriculture has established a quarantine. This quarantine is in effect and is summarized below.

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

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

Tomato plants imported from outside Alaska: (Tomato seeds are not regulated articles):

- 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
- d. Each shipment of tomatoes into Alaska shall be accompanied by an official Phytosanitary Health Certificate issued by the government regulatory agency in the state or county of origin assuring that the conditions of this quarantine have been met.

Please note:

In addition to this, under Alaska Administrative Code (ACC) 11 ACC 32.050, seed potatoes must also be labeled with the following information:

- a. the name and address of the grower or packer
- b. net weight
- c. 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.
- d. All 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.

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Please be advised that staff from the Division of Agriculture will be conducting inspections to ensure compliance with this quarantine. Seed potatoes or tomato plants that do not meet the above requirements will be detained.

Thank you for helping to keep this devastating crop disease out of Alaska. 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 or Barb Hanson at (907) 761-3854, Barbara.Hanson@alaska.gov or visit our web site at: http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag_is.htm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Warner".

Douglas Warner
Manager, Regulatory and Inspection Programs
Division of Agriculture

Below is a list of 2011 Alaska Certified Seed Potato Growers and certified varieties. These growers can provide Alaska Grown products to reduce the risk of importing of invasive pests and diseases.

Mat-Su/ Anchorage Area:

Jay Dearborn	980 S. Trunk Rd., Palmer, AK 99645	745-3501
Greg Kalal	8621 Witherspoon Circle, Anchorage, AK	339-1966
Little Susitna Farm	8470 N. Russet Rd, Palmer AK 99645	746-5496
Art Peterson	HC 89 Willow, AK 99688	733-2372
Pyrah's Pioneer Peak Farm	PO Box 966, Palmer, AK 99645	745-4511
Vanderweele Farms	PO Box 461, Palmer AK 99645	745-3597

Fairbanks/ Nenana/ Delta Junction Area:

Ebbesson Farms	PO Box 370, Nenana, AK 99760	479-0440
Raymond Brasier	PO Box 483, Delta Junction, AK 99737	895-4961
Frank Borman	HC 60 Box 4199-1, Delta Junction, AK 99737	895-4148

Kodiak Area:

Marilyn Guilmet-Faith Farms	PO Box 625, Kodiak, AK 99615	486-3099
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Varieties available:

Aeggeblomme	German Butterball	Maine Stay	Redsen
All Blue	Goldrush	Marcy	Robinta
Allagash	Green Mountain	Monona	Rote Eerstling
Bake-King	HiLite	Mrs. Moehrle's Yellow Flesh	Russet Burbank
Bush's Peanut	Huckleberry	NorDonna	Russet Norkotah
Cal White	Iditared	Norgold Russet	Sangre 11
Cal White Russet	Idarose	NorValley	Shepody
Caribe	Jemseg	Peanut	Sunrise
Cherry Red	Kennebec	Pike	Superior
Chieftain	Keuka Gold	Purple Viking	Ted's Red
Daisy Gold	King Edward	Ranger Russet	White Rural New Yorker
Dark Red Nordland	Lehigh	Reba	Yellow Finn
Denali	Lemhi	Red Gold	Yukon Gold
French Fingerling	Long Red	Red Pontiac	
Frontier Russet	Magic Molly	Red Beauty	