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Dear Retailer,

As a reminder, the Alaska Division of Agriculture would like to summarize the quarantines and regulations surrounding the importation of, and sale of seed potatoes and tomato plants within 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, the importation and/or sale of seed potatoes are prohibited unless they are:

- 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. These disease tolerances can be found at this link, <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/Inspection/2017AKSeedPotatoHandbook.pdf> on page 11 of the Alaska Certified Seed Potato Handbook. Official certification document must be on display.

To prevent the movement of Potato Late Blight Disease (*Phytophthora infestans*) into Alaska, the importation and sale of seed potatoes and tomato plants are prohibited unless they are:

- Accompanied by an Official Certificate that demonstrates that the certified seed potatoes and tomato plants were inspected for Late Blight Disease and tomato plants were treated at origin with a registered fungicide.

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

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping harmful pests and pathogens out of Alaska! If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me directly at 907-761-3866 or at Mia.Kirk@alaska.gov.

Also, if you would like to source Alaska Certified Seed Potatoes, attached is the 2021 Directory of Certified Seed Potato Growers and Varieties.

Sincerely,

Mia Kirk

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