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Dear Retailer,

To start off the new year, the Alaska Division of Agriculture would like to summarize the quarantines and regulations surrounding the sale of seed potatoes and tomato plants in the State of Alaska. The quarantines and regulations have been established to prevent harmful pests and pathogens from being introduced into Alaska, that could devastate our potato industry.

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 have an official certificate from the state or country of origin meeting the conditions of the 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 infected with this nematode.

To prevent the movement and spread of other harmful pests and pathogens into and within Alaska, Alaska Regulations prohibit the sale of seed potatoes, unless the potatoes have been certified by the official seed certification agency of the state or country of origin. Alaska regulations also require that seed potatoes that are for sale must have this certification displayed on each container or display.

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 at 907-745-8735 or at Mia.Kirk@alaska.gov. If you would like to source Alaska Certified Seed Potatoes, attached is the 2018 Certified Seed Potato Growers Directory with Varieties available.

Sincerely,

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

Mia Kirk
Development Specialist