



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES**  
COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM

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April 14, 2014

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Shippers of Potatoes for the 2014 Season, North, Central and South Florida

FROM: Steve Hildebrandt, Certification Specialist *SAH*

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Requesting and Receiving Inspection Certificates

In an effort to provide efficient service to those shipping potatoes to Canada and other countries this upcoming season, we are asking shippers to adhere to the following guidelines:

**Canadian shipments** (see export summary attached)

Canada no longer regulates the Soybean Cyst nematode. Due to this change, potato producers will be **no longer be required to use the *Federal "Vehicle Cleanliness Certificate" (PPQ Form 540)*** documentation. The required export documents would be either the USDA "Certificate of Inspection for Canadian Destinations" (AMS Form FV- 205) (when shipping to a Canadian *approved importer*) or a USDA Federal Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ 577) (when shipping to a *non-approved* Canadian importer). The AMS Form FV-205 can be obtained by contacting your local Division of Fruit and Vegetable office. The PPQ-577 would be obtained by contacting your local DPI inspector. Please see the section regarding \*Fees for the federal export certificates.

Please review the export summaries for Canada which are attached to this memorandum to determine the requirements that you are required to meet.

If you have quantities of the *Federal "Vehicle Cleanliness Certificates" (PPQ Form 540)*, please contact your local DPI inspector to have those documents collected.

**All other countries**

Shipments to countries other than Canada may require additional inspections and a Federal phytosanitary certificate (PPQ-577). The local DPI inspector will issue the federal certificates individually. You must notify your inspector **at least two business days in advance** to arrange for these inspections.

**\*Fees:** \$50.00 for the special inspection which includes the issuance of the first certificate and then \$15.00 for each additional certificate issued for the same country. There is a mileage fee of 44.5¢ per mile

for inspections. When a Federal Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ 577) is used, shippers must establish a USDA [Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance Tracking System](#) (PCIT) account and a \$6.00 service fee is charged on each phyto by the USDA. Your local inspector can assist you with this process or you can contact this office for assistance.

*Same day requests for inspections cannot be accommodated.*

*Please remember to call a minimum of two days in advance of needed inspections. Any potatoes shipped without necessary certificates will not be certified after the fact.*

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**For all other counties:**

Please use the following weblink to locate your nearest FDACS DPI inspector:

<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Plant-Industry/Bureaus-and-Services/Office-Locations/Plant-Inspector-Directory>

You may also contact me in the Gainesville office at 352-395-4714 for information related to the importing requirements of other countries and the DPI inspector for counties other than those listed above.

Enclosure

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## Canada



### Commodity Summary

#### Important Notes:

09/27/2013 - Canada has formally announced that they intend to deregulate *Heterodera glycines* (H. glycines). Effective 25 November 2013, the CFIA will not enforce the import regulations related to H. glycines for the commodities listed below:

- Soybean seed
- Seed Potatoes and Other Potato Propagative Material
- Potatoes, potato parts and potato by-products
- Edible roots for consumption or processing
- All propagative plant material, in association with soil, that originates from areas where *Heterodera glycines* is known to occur.

PExD will be updated to reflect the current requirements on November 25, 2013.

09/16/2013 - URGENT!!! - CFIA has suspended all exports of the Barberry variety "Aurea Nana" until further notice. Please DO NOT certify any Barberry variety "Aurea Nana" until further notice.

### *Solanum tuberosum*

#### Commodity Parts:

- [Tubers \(For propagation\)](#)
- [Tubers \(Packaged and graded for consumption\) From All Other States](#)
- [Tubers \(Processing or repacking\) From All Other States](#)

### Tubers (For propagation)

- Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) and Import Permit (IP) are required. Do not certify unless an IP is presented.

• Last Updated: February 21, 2013

## Tubers (Packaged and graded for consumption) From All Other States

Last Updated: December 09, 2013

### From All Other States

Please see additional information for required documents

### Additional Information

Packaged potatoes are those that are commercially packed in standard packages of 50 lbs or less; other packages (more than 50 lbs) will be considered bulk potatoes.

Only U.S."No. 1" grade potatoes may be shipped to Canada.

A USDA "Certificate of Inspection for Canadian Destinations" (AMS Form FV- 205) is required. Additionally, the following statement as to origin must appear on the FV-205: **"Based on documentation, the potatoes in this shipment were grown in (list State here)."** The applicant's written, signed and dated documentation must remain on file at the AMS inspection office.

Plus one of the following:

Must be treated with a sprout inhibitor. The following statement must appear on the AMS Form FV-205: **"Based on documentation, the potatoes in this shipment were treated with a sprout inhibitor."**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Canada will allow an exemption to this sprout inhibitor treatment requirement for potatoes harvested within 30 days prior to export and packed in bags of 50 lbs. or less. The following statement must appear on the AMS Form FV-205: **"Based on documentation, the potatoes of this shipment were packed in containers of 50 lbs. or less within one month of harvest."**

Canadian registered sprout inhibitors are Chlorpropham (CIPC), and Maleic Hydrazide (MH). CFIA will also accept essential oil as an approved sprout inhibition treatment. The treatment must be monitored/verified by AMS and the details of the treatment should be placed on the AMS inspection report.

**NOTE:** The AMS Form FV-205 is issued by Agricultural Marketing Service.

All purple and blue skinned potato varieties susceptible to potato wart disease (*Synchytrium endobioticum*) are prohibited into Newfoundland except the following varieties; AC Blue Pride, AC Domino, Blue Mac and Brigus.

### Note to Exporter:

Potatoes from non-infested and infested areas within a State regulated for the Columbia Root Knot Nematode can be imported into Canada under certain conditions.

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## Tubers (Processing or repacking) From All Other States

*Last Updated: January 07, 2014*

From All Other States

Please see additional information for required documents

### Additional Information

A PC is required

OR,

1. Import Permit is required.
2. A certificate of Origin is required
3. The importing facility must have been approved under a compliance agreement with CFIA prior to receiving any shipments.

#### **Note to Exporter:**

Any repacking of potatoes will be regulated in the same way as bulk potatoes. The Re-packing facilities must have entered into a compliance agreement (CA) with CFIA under the authority of the *Plant Protection Act*. An Import permit is required.

**NOTE:** CFIA will accept the AMS FV-205 in lieu of the PPQ Form 540 - vehicle cleanliness certificate with the following AD: "This carrier meets Canadian Plant Health cleanliness requirements"