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## *Notice to Industry*

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### **Update on Seed Potato Tuber Export Inspections and Certifications**

August 06, 2014: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will continue to conduct seed potato tuber inspections and certifications for all seed potato shipments destined for the U.S. or other markets.

The Agency will continue to conduct these inspections and certifications until the U.S. and Canada can implement a mutually acceptable alternative process for the certification of seed potato shipments exported to the U.S.

This will ensure that exported Canadian seed potatoes are fully compliant with importing countries' requirements, including all U.S. federal and state phytosanitary import requirements.

The Seed Potato Tuber Quality Management Program (SPTQMP) remains voluntary for domestic shipments of seed potatoes. Under the SPTQMP, the CFIA provides oversight of the program, and audits each participating grower to ensure the requirements of the program are correctly implemented.

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<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/offices/eng/1313255382836/1313256130232>