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To Growers of Seed Potatoes

Your ref :

Our ref : SPCS/G/PCN

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Dear Sir

IMPORTANT - PCN SOIL SAMPLING APPLICATIONS - REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY

In preparation for the increased sampling rate required by the new PCN Directive from 2010 onwards, SASA will be commissioning the installation of an automated cyst nematode extraction system which in the future will greatly increase our capacity to test soil samples as well as reducing the costs of soil testing.

However, the installation and testing of the equipment will, in the short term, reduce our capacity to process samples during January 2010. To offset this it is very important that the vast majority of soil sampling for the 2010 growing season is completed before the end of December 2009. It is highly likely that results for applications received here after the end of September this year may not be available in time for planting

To be assured of having a valid result for planting seed potatoes in 2010 you should submit your applications for soil testing to us now.

If you require to rent land please ensure that the land owner/occupier is aware of this requirement. You should also note that it is the responsibility of the person planting the seed potatoes to check that the land in which they are planted has the relevant clearance.

Yours sincerely

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