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To all growers

Please find enclosed an application pack to register your crops for the 2017 Seed Potato Classification Scheme.

If you wish to enter your crops online you can do so via MySPUDS at: [www.sasa.gov.uk/spcs-myspuds](http://www.sasa.gov.uk/spcs-myspuds). Please contact Wilma Sloan (0131 244 6349) or Stephen Fotheringham (0131 244 6348) should you require any help or advice submitting your crops online.

Prior to completing your application please read the Growing Crop Explanatory Leaflet, together with the "How to Make an Application" sheet that are available at [www.sasa.gov.uk/spcs-growing-crop-inspection-documents](http://www.sasa.gov.uk/spcs-growing-crop-inspection-documents). Printed copies of these can be provided by contacting the SPCS team at SASA.

Please ensure that you complete all of the information requested on the form for all crops to be planted. Incomplete or inaccurate forms will not be processed and will be returned. All completed application forms must be returned to SASA no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Please note, however, that field plans should be forwarded directly to your local Area Office. All fields with multiple crops require a field plan to be submitted.

If you have any questions about the application process, please do not hesitate to contact Wilma or Stephen on the numbers above or by using the details provided on page 16 of the Explanatory Leaflet.

As in previous years, all Estima crops with a field generation of 5 or more will be subject to a post-harvest tuber test for virus.

**As announced last year, for a trial period all Basic seed crops in which the level of blackleg observed at the second inspection is greater than 25% of the tolerance for the entry grade will be subject to a third inspection, unless the crop is burned down within two weeks of the second inspection.** All Pre-basic crops will receive a third inspection if not burnt down within two weeks of the second inspection. For further details, please see Section 18 of the Growing Crop Explanatory Leaflet.

Many thanks



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