

February 2019

Dear grower

Please find the 2019 PP1 form enclosed with this letter. This form must be filled in with details of your ware crops and returned to SASA within 28 days of planting.

It has also come to our attention that there has been some confusion regarding the rules that apply to potato cyst nematode and the growing of ware potatoes. As such situations can result in loss of farm saved input seed we are keen that everyone is fully aware of these and can therefore plan their cropping accordingly.

In 2010 Scotland adopted legislation based on the European PCN Directive 2007/33/EC which recognises that the movement of farm saved seed poses a high risk of transferring PCN and therefore put new restrictions on ware production. The following rules form part of this legislation and are in place to prevent the spread of PCN:

- You cannot plant crops with farm saved seed grown on land recorded as infested with PCN.
- If you are moving farm saved seed between holdings you must grow the potatoes on land which has been tested, by SASA, and found clear of PCN. No soil test is required if you are planting the farm saved seed on the same holding providing it is in the same parish or contiguous across a parish boundary.
- Soil testing must be done prior to planting.
- If you wish to plant a ware crop on land that is recorded with PCN you must apply to your local RPID office for a 'PCN Control Programme' prior to planting. This will stipulate rotation intervals, etc. to maintain control of PCN.

We understand that the PCN status of ground is not necessarily known by the occupier or the person renting the ground but if you contact SASA or your local area office we would be happy to provide the necessary information.

Please also remember that, in Scotland, you can only use farm saved seed that is one generation removed from classified seed.

Yours sincerely



**JOHN ELLICOTT**  
*SPCS and Export Manager*

T: 0131-244 8963  
E: john.ellicott@sasa.gov.scot