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To all growers

Please find enclosed an application pack to register your crops for the 2019 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 email [myspudshelpdesk@sasa.gov.scot](mailto:myspudshelpdesk@sasa.gov.scot) 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 2019. 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 SPCS using the details provided on page 16 of the Explanatory Leaflet.

**Due to an increase in the incidence of virus in the 2018 season, a post-harvest test for all Estima crops with a field generation of 5 or more will continue for 2019.**

**Third inspections for blackleg in S grade crops has been discontinued this season.** However crops of grades SE and E in which the level of blackleg observed at the second inspection is greater than 25% of the tolerance for the 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.

**Please note that in the event of an EU exit, no changes will be made to the certification scheme and tolerances and the UK grades will continue to mirror the EU grades.**

Many thanks



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