



TO: North Dakota Exporters of Seed Potatoes to Canada

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RE: Phytosanitary Certification of Seed Potatoes to Canada

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency requires a Federal Phytosanitary Certificate for entry of seed potatoes. The seed potatoes must have proof of certification from the North Dakota State Seed Department (must be blue tag or yellow tag).

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture will provide Federal Phytosanitary certificates.

Instructions for Exporters of Seed Potatoes to Canada To Receive a Federal Phytosanitary Certificate

1. Exporter must have arranged for a laboratory test for ringrot based on a 400-tuber sample size collected per instructions from the North Dakota State Seed Department.
 - The NDSU Plant Diagnostic Laboratory and the North Dakota State Seed Department Laboratory in Grafton are both approved to conduct tests for BRR, both for seed potatoes entering Canada for commercial production and for seed potatoes when entering for re-certification into Canada's seed certification program.

Or

 - A CFIA accredited lab may do the testing based upon an official sample. (Contact NDDA).
2. Complete and submit (by fax or mail) an *'Application for Phytosanitary Certification of Seed Potatoes for Export to Canada'* to the North Dakota Department of Agriculture.
Fax Import permit to North Dakota Department of Agriculture.
3. Arrange for a NDSSD inspector to conduct a shipping point inspection. Fax the shipping point inspection (FV184) to the North Dakota Department of Agriculture.
4. The NDDA will complete the Phytosanitary certificate and fax a copy to you and to your broker. The faxed copy to your broker is sufficient to secure entry. The original certificate will be mailed to your broker who is required to submit it to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
5. You will be billed for the phytosanitary certificate at the end of the month. Phytosanitary certificates are \$20 per certificate.
6. Please let us know approximate shipping times. Our normal hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call ahead regarding any shipments that will occur after 4 p.m.

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