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Geagte Moerkweker

VRYWILLIGE AFGRADERING MET MEER AS EEN GENERASIE

Soos u weet is die versoek om vrywillige afgradering met meer as een generasie toe te laat al verskeie kere deur die afgevaardigdes by die Moerkwekersforum voorgestaan en by die Onafhanklike Sertifiseringsraad vir Aartappelmoere (OSRA) afgekeur. Nuwe inligting het daartoe gelei dat die debat heropen is.

OSRA het die Registrateur van die Plantverbeteringswet versoek dat bogenoemde onder 'n dispensasie toegelaat word ten einde vas te stel of dit die bepaalde behoeftes wat ondervind word, aanspreek. Vind aangeheg die dispensasiebrief van die Registrateur wat die vrywillige afgradering met meer as een generasie tot 30 Junie 2016 toelaat.

Gedurende hierdie tydperk sal daar deeglik op ASD se databasis rekord gehou word van alle gesertifiseerde aartappelmoere wat vrywillig afgradeer is om sodoende op 'n gereelde basis aan OSRA te rapporteer. Die sertifiseringsbeamptes is reeds ingelig omtrent die prosedure wat tydens hierdie vrywillige afgradering gevolg word. Let asseblief daarop dat die generasie waaraan die aartappelmoere voldoen op die knolinspeksieverslag aangedui word, sowel as die generasie waarheen die moere afgradeer is.

Ek vertrou dat u hierdie vergunning met die nodige verantwoordelikheid sal hanteer.

Vriendelike groete

Sanette

3 July 2014

Dear Seed Potato Grower

VOLUNTARY DOWNGRADING BY MORE THAN ONE GENERATION

As you know, the request to allow voluntary downgrading of seed potatoes by more than one generation has several times been supported by the delegates at the Seed Potato Growers' Forum and then rejected by the Independent Certification Council for Seed Potatoes (ICCSA). New information has led to the reopening of this debate.

The ICCSA requested the Registrar of the Plant Improvement Act to allow the above request under a dispensation in order to determine whether it will address the specific needs experienced. Find attached the letter for dispensation from the Registrar permitting voluntary downgrading by more than one generation until 30 June 2016.

During this period PCS will keep proper record of all certified seed potatoes that are voluntary downgraded in order to report to the ICCSA on a regular basis. The certification officials have been informed about the procedure to be followed during voluntary downgrading. Please note that the generation to which the seed potatoes comply is indicated on the tuber inspection report, as well as the generation to which the seed potatoes have been downgraded.

I trust that you will handle this dispensation with the necessary responsibility.

Kind regards

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