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Dear Colleagues:

This memo is sent as a reminder that ICIA certification rules include post-harvest testing requirements that apply to seed potatoes produced in or imported into Idaho for recertification. Please note that the recertification tolerance for PVY has been lowered to 1.0%, effective 28 March, 2018.

The current post-harvest testing requirements are:

**1. Virus Testing.** All seed lots must be tested for PLRV and PVY:

- a. The tolerances for recertification are PLRV 0.8% and PVY 1.0%.
- b. PLRV may be scored visually in a post-harvest grow out or may be lab tested.
- c. A lab test (ELISA) is required for PVY. Laboratory testing of leaves collected from a post-harvest grow-out or of tuber sprouts are acceptable.
- d. The required *minimum* sample sizes are:

Lots representing one acre or more	400 tubers
Lots representing 0.5 – 0.9 acres	200 tubers
Lots representing 0.1 – 0.4 acres	100 tubers
Lots less than 0.1 acres	10% of tubers to a maximum of 100

**2. BRR testing.** ICIA requires laboratory testing of a random sample of stems or tubers obtained from all seed lots entered for certification, Idaho G1 (Field Year 2) or higher. Samples must be tested by an approved laboratory using PCR as described by Gudmestad *et al.* (Plant Dis. 93:649-659). The required *minimum* sample sizes are:

Seed lots exceeding 0.1 acres	400 stems or tubers
Seed lots 0.1 acres or less	10% of stems or tubers to a maximum of 200

I would appreciate your assistance in informing your seed growers of these requirements. If you have any questions regarding this memo, please feel free to contact the ICIA office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Westra", written in a cursive style.

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