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Dear California Seed Potato producers,

Post-harvest tests (PHT's) for potatoes are only required when California produced seed potatoes are being shipped to Canada or seed potato production states within the US. This is not a new standard, but CCIA potato standards have been revised recently to demonstrate to the CDFA the California potato industry's compliance with the US Virus Management Plan. Full details of these changes can be read in the recent [CCIA Newsletter](#). In the near future, you will be asked for the destination during the tag request, and depending on the destination, the following will be printed on the tags:

1. Staying within CA: **"For in-state use only"**
2. Destination outside of Canada and USA seed potato production areas: **"For export to XYZ"** [XYZ name of country]
3. Destination to Canada or a US seed potato production state **"Post-Harvest Test required"**
4. Destination non-seed producing area **"XYZ: Post Harvest Test not required"** [XYZ is name of state]

Regards,



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