



# FACT SHEET

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Changes to the  
**WA Seed Potato Isolation District and Quarantine Rule**

The Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 16-325 (Isolation District) and 16-482 (Quarantine Rule) were changed based on a request from the WA Seed Potato Commission.

These WAC Revisions became effective September 15, 2023.

The amendments to these chapters include:

- Expanding the definition of ‘seed potatoes’;
- Clarifying that the requirement to be enrolled in the certification program includes all plantings for commercial use and adds the option for certified seed to be used for each growing season in commercial potato plantings of one acre or less instead of enrollment in the certification program;
- Adding a requirement that all lots of potatoes entering the isolation district for planting or further sale, except for those intended for immediate human consumption (example: potatoes sold in grocery stores), must be tested and found negative for Bacterial Ring Rot (BRR) by an approved laboratory at origin;
- Adding a requirement that shipments entering or transiting the isolation district must be covered in a manner that safeguards pathogen dispersal;
- Establishing a prior notification requirement for seed potatoes entering the isolation district;
- Requiring shipments of potatoes be held for 24 hours after delivery to allow the department time to contact the receiver for inspection;
- Adding a violation section regarding the disposition of potatoes in the isolation district found to be in violation of this chapter;
- Clarifying in the seed potato quarantine rule (WAC 16-482-010) that all lots of potatoes entering the seed potato isolation district, except for those intended for immediate human consumption, are also subject to the requirements under chapter 16-325 WAC.

*Questions or concerns surrounding these changes may be directed to the WA Seed Potato Commission at [info@waseedpotato.com](mailto:info@waseedpotato.com)*