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Please see the email below from John Keeling, National Potato Council.

Sent on behalf of Pat Kole
Idaho Potato Commission

Below is a brief memo that APHIS sent to the State Plant Health Directors and the State Plant Health Regulatory Officials regarding a recent find of PCN in Idaho in a field that was already being regulated due to its association with the original finds. APHIS has notified CFIA of the finds. We do not expect this to change any of the ongoing actions by either country. Additional finds within the regulated areas are to be expected. The ongoing survey work and equipment sanitization for fields associated with a find are designed to prevent the further spread of the pest.

John

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Plant Health Directors and State Plant Regulatory Officials

FROM: David T. Kaplan
Assistant Deputy Administrator

Subject: Detection of Pale Cyst Nematode (PCN) *Globodera pallida* in Idaho

On December 10, 2008, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) confirmed the detection of PCN in Bingham County, Idaho in a field within the current regulated area.

The morphological and molecular analyses conducted by both APHIS and the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of suspect cyst samples from this field submitted from Idaho positively confirmed the presence of PCN.

The cysts were collected as part of the on-going PCN survey activities within the regulated area in Idaho. This 46-acre field is across the road from one of the eight infested fields in Idaho and has been regulated since 2006. This additional PCN find does **not** require a change in quarantine regulations as this field is located within the current quarantine area. Further, it does not pose a risk as all regulated articles associated with this field have been subject to safeguarding measures to prevent the dissemination of PCN. Soil treatments are scheduled to commence in the spring of 2009.

For additional details on this latest detection of PCN in Idaho, you may contact Eileen Smith, National Program Coordinator. She can be reached at (301) 734-5235.