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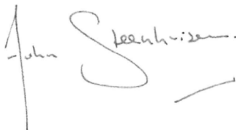
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NO. R. 7429

8 May 2026

**PLANT IMPROVEMENT ACT, 2018
(ACT No. 11 OF 2018)****SOUTH AFRICAN SEED POTATO CERTIFICATION SCHEME: AMENDMENT**

I, John Steenhuisen, Minister of Agriculture, acting under Section 45 of the Plant Improvement Act, 2018 (Act No. 11 of 2018), after consultation with the Minister of Finance, hereby substitute the Scheme in the Schedule for the South African Seed Potato Certification Scheme published under Government Notice No. R. 664 of 15 May 1998, as amended.



**MR JOHN STEENHUISEN, MP
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
DATE: 23 MARCH 2026**

SCHEDULE***Definition***

1. In this Schedule, "the Scheme" means the South African Seed Potato Certification Scheme published by Government Notice No. R. 664 of 15 May 1998, as amended by Government Notice No. R. 1206 of 1 December 2000, as corrected by Government Notice No. R. 40 of 19 January 2001 and as amended by Government Notice Nos. R. 1382 of 8 November 2002, R. 1185 of 1 December 2006, R. 812 of 7 September 2007, R. 927 of 22 October 2010 and R. 313 of 26 April 2013.

Amendment of Table 5 of the Scheme

2. Table 5 of the Scheme as published under Government Notice No. R. 664 of 15 May 1998, is hereby amended by the insertion of "Fissure Scab" alongside "Common Scab" in the row corresponding with "*Streptomyces spp*" and under the column labelled Common name:

TABLE 5
Maximum percentage potato tuber moth damage and pathogen infected seed potatoes permissible

ORGANISM OR CONDITION	Common name	G0		G1 – G3		G4 – G6		G7		Cert. Com.**
		-	Elite	Elite	C1*	Elite	C1*	Elite	C1*	
A										
<i>Globodera rostochiensis</i>	Golden Cyst nematode	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Ralstonia</i> spp.	Bacterial wilt disease	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Synchytrium endobioticum</i>	Wart disease	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
B										
<i>Oospira pustulans</i>	Skin spot	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.20	0.10	0.50	0.50	3.00	4.00
<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>	Black scurf	0.00	0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	8.00	1.00	8.00	20.00
<i>Spongospora subterranea</i>	Powdery scab	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.20	0.10	0.50	0.50	3.00	4.00
<i>Streptomyces</i> spp.	Common scab/Fissure scab	0.00	0.10	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.00	3.00	8.00
Maximum joint percentage permissible for B		0.00	0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	8.00	1.00	8.00	20.00
C										
<i>Fusarium</i> spp.	Dry rot	0.00	0.20	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.00	3.00	5.00
	Stem-end rot	0.00	0.20	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.00
<i>Phoma exigua</i>	Gangrene	0.00	0.20	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.00	3.00	5.00
<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	Late blight	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.20
Maximum joint percentage permissible for C		0.00	0.20	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.0	3.00	5.00
D										
<i>Meloidogyne</i> spp.	Root knot eelworm	0.00	0.10	0.20	0.20	0.10	0.50	0.20	0.50	1.00
<i>Pratylenchus</i> spp.	Lesion nematode	0.00	0.10	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.00	2.00	5.00
Maximum joint percentage permissible for D		0.00	0.10	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.00	2.00	5.00
E										
<i>Phthorimaea operculella</i>	Potato tuber moth: eye damage	0.00	0.20	0.50	0.50	1.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	3.00
	Potato tuber moth: surface damage	0.00	0.20	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	4.00
Maximum joint percentage permissible for E		0.00	0.20	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	4.00
F										
<i>Colletotrichum coccodes</i>	Black dot	0.00	0.50	2.00	2.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	20.00	30.00
<i>Helminthosporium solani</i>	Silver scurf	0.00	0.50	2.00	2.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	20.00	30.00
Maximum joint percentage permissible for F		0.00	0.50	2.00	2.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	20.00	30.00

* C1 – Class 1

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