



# Application for Official Soil Sampling for Potato Cyst Nematode

1. Growers wishing to apply for land to be soil sampled either for the growing of seed potatoes for marketing or to comply with the plant health import regulations of overseas countries should complete the form attached and note the general conditions below. Completed application forms for soil sampling should be returned to the local Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) Plant Health and Seeds Inspector in the area where the soil sampling is to be carried out.
2. **General Conditions under which applications are invited and accepted**
  - (a) If your application is for seed potatoes for marketing, please indicate for each field on page 2 of form PH 13 if the field is known to be infected with rhizomania.
  - (b) If rhizomania is not known to be present in the field you must tell us if any types of beet (sugar/fodder/red etc.) have been grown in the field since 2001.
  - (c) Any certificate of the result of soil testing shall be used only in respect of any premises to which it purports to relate, and then only for the purpose for which the testing was carried out.
  - (d) No guarantee is given by APHA that any soil testing carried out will comply with or meet the requirements of any overseas country or importer.
  - (e) APHA and its officers shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy of all information supplied by or on behalf of an applicant for soil testing.
  - (f) The issue of any certificate as a result of soil sampling does not provide eligibility of a crop of seed potatoes for entry into a APHA classification scheme unless such a crop meets the rotational and other conditions for entry into the scheme.
3. Applicants should be aware that under the Plant Health (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and the Plant Health (Wales) Order 2016 (as amended) the future cropping of any land officially declared to be infested with Potato Cyst Nematode will be restricted as mentioned below.
  - Seed Potatoes  
The growing of seed potatoes will be prohibited.
  - Ware Potatoes  
The growing of ware potatoes will be prohibited except where the potato varieties to be grown are resistant to Potato Cyst Nematode or where APHA authorizes the growing of a crop to be harvested before the cysts mature or where a soil treatment approved by APHA for control of Potato Cyst Nematode is used.
  - Plants for Transplanting  
The removal of plants for transplanting elsewhere will be prohibited, except where they are to be transplanted on the infested land.
4. Where the applicant is not the owner of the land it is the applicants responsibility to ensure that:
  - the owner understands the cropping restrictions that will be placed on the land if Potato Cyst Nematode is found; and
  - they have the owners agreement for the sampling to go ahead.
5. **Fees will be charged for sampling, inspections and certification of consignments.** Details of the fees for England can be found at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/289/contents/made> and for Wales <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2014/1792/contents/made>. **DO NOT SEND MONEY WITH THIS FORM** an invoice will be sent to you in due course. Prompt settlement of this invoice will help to meet the overall cost of providing these services and may, therefore, affect the level of fees. Non-payment may result in the withholding of future services.
6. **Data Protection Act 1998**  
Information provided will be used for the processing of your application. Details will be held in our computer system and will be used to compile statistics on activity in your sector for submission to the EC Commission and for any administrative purposes. In emergency situations, such as a pest outbreak, information (including the location of licenced material) may be used by other divisions within APHA, Defra and other Government Departments or their appointed agents. APHA may be required to release information, including personal data and commercial information, on request under the Environmental Information Regulations, the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information or the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, APHA will not permit any breach of confidentiality nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998. APHA, Defra or its appointed agents may use the name, address and other details on your application form to contact you in connection with occasional customer research aimed at improving the services that APHA provides to you.

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