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To: Applicants for Australian Certification for Alfalfa Seed

Re: **Australian Certification Requirements for Phytosanitary Field Inspection (PQ) of Alfalfa Seed**

To export alfalfa seed to Australia, additional PQ application requirements must be met. The Australian requirements are attached; be advised that these requirements are subject to change without notice. The most rigorous requirement is that the alfalfa seed field and any alfalfa within one kilometer (1 km) of the selected seed field must be in the Phytosanitary Field Inspection of Seed Program.

When an application for alfalfa indicating Australian certification is received, a 1 km survey of the surrounding fields must be performed for adjacent alfalfa fields. If "alfalfa adjacent fields" are found, we will provide you with a map and a list of the fields that need to be included in the program. You will then be responsible for contacting the grower and obtaining permission to submit the PQ applications for those fields. This step is required to ensure that consent is obtained to enter and inspect all "adjacent" fields. Occasionally, the representatives of the "adjacent" fields are not contacted by the applicant and have refused entry to our inspectors at the time of inspection. Australian certification will be canceled if we cannot perform the inspection in one or more adjacent fields. For this reason, we recommend submitting PQ applications for fields requiring Australian Certification by February 10th. Certification will not be possible if all applications are not received by CDFA by March 10th.

Occasionally, an "adjacent" field is cross-listed to more than one Australian application. To save on costs and confusion, a cross-listed "adjacent" field application should only be submitted once. We will attempt to bring these fields to your attention, but we are not responsible for additional fees due to repeat application submissions.

If you have any questions, please email Joe Andreotti at joeandreotti@co.imperial.ca.us or Sandra Mendivil at sandramendivil@co.imperial.ca.us or call us at 442-265-1500.