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## CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PRODUCTION AND HANDLING OF FRESH WARE POTATO

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## Primary production

### ✓ Dos

- Prepare land well before planting;
- Apply recommended fertiliser (NPK or organic manure) before and after planting;
- Identify/source clean potato seed of your preferred variety;
- Plant potato seed with recommended spacing (75cm X 30cm);
- Control pests and diseases using approved pesticides and fungicides;
- Weed on time.

### ✗ Do not

- Plant potato seed in unprepared garden;
- Plant infected/diseased potato seed;
- Plant different varieties in the same plot;
- Plant potato seed in the same plot every season;
- Let weeds overgrow;
- Let pests and diseases damage the potato crop;
- Use expired pesticides.



## Handling during primary production

### ✓ Dos

- Prevent contamination of fresh potato;
- Minimise direct personal contact with the fresh potato while in the garden;
- Harvest only mature potato tubers;
- Remove fresh ware potatoes deemed unfit for consumption;
- Pack fresh potato tubers with care to minimise exposure to injury and contamination.

### ✗ Do not

- Use non-recommended agricultural inputs;
- Move in the potato garden unnecessarily;
- Allow unauthorised visitors in the garden;
- Use agricultural inputs such as pesticides without protective gear.



## Post-harvest handling (Transportation and storage)



### Dos

- Handle with care to minimise injury and contamination;
- Retain only tubers that are not damaged/injured;
- Pack tubers in clean containers, wooden crates, baskets and bags that don't compromise the quality;
- Use a clean transportation vessel/vehicle that maintains the integrity of the tubers;
- Store in a well-cleaned and disinfected place;
- Place produce on pallets or off the ground with crates;
- Store in a well-aerated/ventilated cool dry place;
- Store in a water and vermin- proof area;
- Keep away from direct sunshine;
- Add value, e.g. crisps/chips as appropriate.



### Do not

- Transport fresh ware potato in multipurpose vessels/vehicles;
- Transport fresh ware potato in dirty containers/vessels/vehicles;
- Store fresh ware potato in a dirty, warm and damp place;
- Store fresh ware potato in the same room with animals, chemicals or any other hazards;
- Store fresh ware potato in non-aerated containers/stores;
- Store fresh ware potato directly on the ground;
- Store fresh ware potato directly on the wall;
- Store fresh ware potato under a leaking roof/in a leaking store.



## Labelling

- Name and address of farmer/packer/distributor;
- Name of the produce as “Fresh ware potato”
- Country of origin;
- Name of variety or commercial type;
- Net weight kg;
- Size code;
- Class;
- Identification code/batch number;
- Storage instructions.



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### Benefits of the following standard

- i. Farmers get better skills and prices and reduce post-harvest losses;
- ii. Traders get a reliable supply of high-quality product that they can sell to their clients;
- iii. Processors get a continuous and reliable supply of quality raw materials;
- iv. Consumers get safe and nutritious food to eat.

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