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**CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION OF SEED POTATO PRODUCERS**

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Pursuant to the implementation of the Seed Act and the need to provide and sustain adequate supply of seeds of the desired quality the following criteria for accreditation of seed potato producers are hereby promulgated:

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1. That he/she must be an individual farmer/grower or a member of the cooperative/seed association/farmer organization or private corporation/company.
2. That he/she must undergo training on seed potato production or have gained substantial skills and experiences on the basic principles and practices in seed potato production.
3. For seed association, cooperative or farmer-organization, the names of each member with their corresponding area planted for seed production must be submitted to the Seed Certifying Agency before any accreditation is issued. In cases where new members are accepted by the association, cooperatives and farmer-organization after accreditation, the Seed Certifying Agency must be notified in writing the new membership including among others the area planted and the location of their farms.
4. That the minimum area for seed production is 0.5 ha.
5. That the seed must be produced in suitable areas inspected and duly certified by the Seed Inspectors or any authorized representative of the Seed Certifying Agency.

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The suitability of the area is determined by the following:

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- a) The field should be free from golden cyst nematode and bacterial wilt.
- b) The field for seed production must have been rotated with corn and other cereal crops for at least 2 cropping seasons.
- c) The field should be accessible to seed storage facilities.
- d) The agro-climatic conditions for growing the crop should be appropriate.

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