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To: CanadaGAP Program Participants with QMI-SAI Global (Alberta growers)

Date: August 20, 2015

Subject: **Transfer from QMI-SAI Global to another CanadaGAP certification body**

As you already know, QMI-SAI Global will no longer be offering CanadaGAP audits and certification after August 30, 2015.

Please complete the attached **Change of Status Form** to inform us of your choice of another certification body for your CanadaGAP certification.

The Potato Growers of Alberta (PGA) is recommending you choose **NSF-GFTC** (Guelph Food Technology Centre). Their website is: www.gftc.ca and their phone number: 1-519-821-1246.

For a list of all CanadaGAP certification bodies, please visit our webpage at:
<http://www.canadagap.ca/becoming-certified/certification-bodies/>

Your new certification body will be responsible for conducting your next on-site audit (this year if you're due for an on-site audit on your 2015 crop) and review of your self-assessments. Please complete the Change of Status form and send it to our office as soon as possible so that the transfer can be made well before your certificate expires. If you're due to complete a self-assessment this season, complete it and send it to your new certification body at least 30 days before your certificate expires.

We will forward the transfer request to your new certification body. In all cases, the new certification body will review your file and confirm when you will need your next audit. You can expect they will ask you for additional information (e.g., details about your operation, a copy of your previous audit report, your signature on a new contract, etc.). Please let us know if you need our assistance.

For further information, contact the CanadaGAP office, the PGA or the certification body.

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