



Red Tractor Assurance Safe Haven Potato Scheme

The Red Tractor Assurance Safe Haven Certification Scheme is an initiative instigated by the Potato Council with the support of the National Farmers Union (NFU), NFU Scotland and other bodies in response to the need to offer strong protection from imported disease for the whole industry. It began as an effective way of reducing the threat of the potato disease Ring Rot but has since proved to be valuable in the fight against many other phytosanitary risks.



Safe Haven is a pre-farm assurance scheme. It has simple effective scheme standards and helps to safeguard the future of a seed potato business.

Safe Haven aims to make a major contribution to the security of the British potato industry. One major packer is now sourcing all of its seeds from Safe Haven Certified growers and seed packers are becoming increasingly aware of the scheme.

The Safe Haven Certification Scheme:

- Enhances Britain's reputation as a high quality seed potato supplier.
- Helps in the fight against various potato pests and diseases.

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Benefits of the Safe Haven Potato Scheme

- Growers who are already members of the Red Tractor Farm Assured Fresh Produce Scheme can have their Safe Haven audit carried out at the same time and at little extra cost
- Members have access to full standards manuals, record keeping templates and industry publications which will help growers fulfil the requirements of the scheme.

For what sectors of horticulture is the Safe Haven Potato Scheme suitable?

- It is only suitable for seed potatoes.

What assurance categories does the Safe Haven Potato Scheme cover?

- Food safety and traceability
- Food and production quality
- Business and resource management
- Environmental protection and biodiversity.

Costs of participation

- Cost will vary according to business size and the chosen certification body carrying out the audit
- Discounts are also available if you are also in the Red Tractor Farm Assured Fresh Produce scheme.

How to join the Safe Haven Potato Scheme

- Request an application pack
- Join your chosen Certification Body and send them your application plus payment
- Arrange an assessment
- Become Certified
- Have a routine assessment once a year.

Further information

Certification Bodies currently licensed for the Safe Haven Potato Scheme include:

- NSF-CMi Certified Ltd
- PAI Ltd
- SAI Global
- SFQC Ltd

Safe Haven Potato Certification Scheme

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