

High Grade Region

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High Grade Regions in European Union

The European Union has recognised five areas in Europe as High Grade Regions ("high quality potato production areas")

-Commission Decision 2004/3/EC (earlier 93/231/EEC) of 19 December 2003 authorising, in respect of the marketing of seed potatoes in all part of the territory of certain Member States, more stringent measures against certain diseases than are provided for in Annexes I and II to Council Directive 2002/56/EC

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- Germany (Bundesland Mecklenburg-Vorpommern)
- Ireland (entire territory)
- Portugal (Azores, areas above 300 m altitude)
- Finland (municipalities of Liminka and Tyrnävä)**
- United Kingdom (Cumbria, Northumberland (England), Northern Ireland and Scotland)

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High Grade Regions can be recognised only to areas where does not exist any potato quarantine pests or these pest have been eradicated

-Quarantine pests according to Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against introduction into the Community of organism harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community:

- In potato production specially the following pests:

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- ***Synchytrium endobioticum*** (Potato wart disease)
- ***Globodera rostochiensis*** (Yellow potato cyst nematode) and ***Globodera pallida*** (White potato cyst nematode)
- ***Leptinotarsa decemlineata*** (Colorado potato beetle)
- ***Ralstonia solanacearum*** (Potato brown rot)
- ***Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *sepedonicus*** (Potato ring rot)
- **Beet necrotic yellow vein virus (BNYVV)**

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According to Commission decision 2004/3/EC Member states are authorised to restrict the marketing of seed potatoes in their High Grade regions to basic seed potatoes as follows:

- for seed potato production basic seed potatoes that fulfill the conditions for Union grade S or Union grade SE
- for potato production basic seed potatoes that fulfill the conditions for Union grade S, Union grade SE or Union grade E

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