Potato plant health and record keeping legislation is intended to protect the health status of Irish potato crops and to ensure traceability in the event of a disease outbreak. The following are the main requirements of this legislation.

- Growers may plant only certified pre-basic or basic seed potatoes or one year’s direct progeny of such potatoes, where the direct progeny was grown by themselves.
- Growers must retain official labels as well as a sales note, delivery note, invoice or similar documents for at least two years as proof of origin of the seed potatoes.
- Anyone intending to bring more than 10 kg of seed potatoes into Ireland from other countries must give at least three days advance notification by submitting a Notification of Importation Form to the Department. This form can be posted to Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Crop Policy, Production & Safety Division, Potato Section, Floor 2, Administration Building, Backweston Campus, Young’s Cross, Celbridge, Co. Kildare. Alternatively it can be faxed to 353- 1- 6275994 or emailed to potatoonline@agriculture.gov.ie. This form is published on our website at: http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/farmingsectors/crops/potatoes/

- Seed potatoes for planting – quantity and date acquired as well as variety, class, grower’s number and country of origin.
- Seed and ware potatoes grown – area planted and yield of each variety grown.
- Sales (other than for use by the buyer) – quantity, sale date and purchaser name and address for each variety sold.

Audits are carried out on growers to check for compliance with legislation on potato plant health and record keeping.