

THE 5 WS OF THE POTATO WART MINISTERIAL ORDER

WHAT
is a Ministerial Order?

- Any Ministerial order is a decision made by a Federal Minister that does not require the approval of the Federal Cabinet or the Governor General.
- Ministerial orders under the authority of the *Plant Protection Act* are science-based decisions to reduce the spread of a plant-based disease like potato wart.
- PEI seed potato farms can continue to operate and grow seed potatoes for use within the province. Seed potatoes may be allowed to be moved off of PEI on a case by case basis.
- With risk mitigation measures in place, PEI can continue to move table stock and processing potatoes to other provinces and to countries where import requirements are met.

WHAT
does the Potato Wart Ministerial Order say?

WHERE
are potato-related activities affected by the Ministerial Order

- This Ministerial Order regulates the full province of PEI by restricting the movement of seed, tablestock and processing potatoes and other regulated things (farm equipment, soil, sod, etc.) from going to other parts of Canada.
- When movement is permitted, certain conditions must be met.

WHO
does the Ministerial Order affect?

- [This Ministerial Order](#) applies to anyone moving potatoes or other regulated things (farm equipment, soil, sod, etc.) within or from PEI into other parts of Canada.
- The Ministerial Order protects the national potato industry and its potato growers in other parts of Canada by mitigating the risk of spread of potato wart

WHY
was the Ministerial Order put in place on PEI?

- [The CFIA has been managing potato wart](#) since it was first detected in PEI in the year 2000.
- The two October 2021 detections implicate a high number of additional fields through trace back activities.
- The Ministerial Order was necessary to mitigate the risk of spread of potato wart to the rest of Canada, ultimately to protect our country's potato industry.
- One of the CFIA's core mandates is to protect Canada's plant resources from disease. This includes protecting Canadian potatoes, maintaining a healthy potato industry, and safely shipping to markets abroad.

WHEN
will the Ministerial Order be lifted?

- The Ministerial Order would only be lifted when the Government of Canada has gathered sufficient evidence and has confidence that the pest can be mitigated without the authorities put in place by the Order.

