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Memo to CDC Pea Variety Growers

The Saskatchewan Pulse Growers (SPG) has Canadian production, marketing, distribution and sales rights for almost all of the pulse varieties produced by the Crop Development Centre (CDC) pulse breeding program. International rights are managed by the CDC, which has in turn awarded these rights to seed companies through a Request for Proposal process. The SPG releases pulse varieties to the CDC on a variety-by-variety basis, and not before the varieties have been available for at least two years in Canada. Seed-based royalties are paid to the CDC for all seed sales made in international jurisdictions, which directly benefit the CDC's pulse research and plant breeding program.

I would like to remind you that the international production, marketing, distribution and sales rights for CDC pea varieties were awarded to Nodricks Norsask Seeds Ltd. in 2004.

The SPG production, marketing, distribution and sales rights for seed of CDC pea varieties are for Canada only. For those companies or individuals wishing to export CDC pea varieties for planting, there is a system/protocol in place to ensure this business and the rights of CDC and our international representative are respected. For further information regarding that system please contact:

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Thanks very much.

Yours sincerely,



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