Potato Harvesting – SAFETY ORIENTATION CHECKLIST

Before starting work at this farming operation, employees must review the following safe working procedures.

Note: When completing this checklist, information about the major designated danger areas (such as pinch points, axles, railings, air vacuum, etc.) must be included.

Operators

• Only designated operators are responsible for the safe moving of machinery and crew.

• Once stopped, machinery should not be moved until the operator, or a person designated by the operator, has ensured no person is at risk.

• Operators or owners shall ensure all machinery is equipped with proper guarding.

• All trucks and harvesters shall be equipped with back-up alarms.

• Operators shall park harvesters in a safe area, turn them off and engage safety devices, before any cleaning, maintenance or repair is done.

• At lunch or break times, operators should stop harvesters as close to the designated parking area as possible, or bring the crew to that area in a safe manner.

• When unloading, trucks should not begin the “backing-in” process until a designated person is in place to assist and direct the driver. All other employees are to remain clear of the operation.

• Operators must ensure employees are aware of pinch point hazards.

• Owners must notify the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour – Employment Standards Branch, when workers under the age of 16 are employed.

Workers

• Workers should never walk between harvesters and loading trucks while in movement.

• Workers should be aware of pinch points, moving parts or conveyors and keep clear of them at all times.

• Workers should wait until equipment comes to a complete stop before embarking or disembarking.

• Storage crews should stay beyond the loading end of the bin piler.

• Besides the operator, no one is allowed to ride on machinery while traveling on public roads.

• All employees must wear Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved safety footwear and proper clothing for the job being performed.

• CSA approved safety glasses and hearing protection must be worn, when required.

• A designated area is assigned to each employee to park their vehicle.

General

• No visitors are allowed in the fields beyond the designated parking area.

• No children under 14 should be allowed in the field or in trucks.

• “Employees Only” signs should be posted in storage areas and fields being worked.

• Employees should inform family members and friends of the workplace policy regarding visitors.

♦ It’s the law! In New Brunswick, those sections are legislated by the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

I, ____________________________, have received the above information and agree to abide by it. I will follow the instructions accordingly to ensure my health and safety and that of my co-workers.

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