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REMARKS: This PATCH supersedes a memo for “Scoring Late Blight Tuber Rot on Potatoes” issued by the Standardization and Training Branch on June 25, 2012. The scoring guide for “Late Blight Tuber Rot (C),” page 65 in the current Potatoes Shipping Point and Market Inspection Instructions, is revised to read as follows:

Scoring Guide

Always serious damage: All U.S. grades require potatoes to be free from late blight. Score any amount against the restricted tolerance for external defects. When late blight has advanced to the soft rot stage, report as “Soft rot” against the restrictive tolerance for soft rot.

Visual Aids: Refer to [Photos 32 to 34](#).

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