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## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL WILD BLUEBERRY SHIPPERS AND PROCESSORS

## NEW ELECTRONIC SCHEDULE REQUIRED WITH BLUEBERRY TAX RETURNS (BEGINNING WITH RETURNS DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2020)

Effective January 1, 2020, the Maine Legislature amended the Blueberry Tax laws to require Maine Revenue Services (MRS) to collect and report certain information to the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine. Accordingly, wild blueberry shippers and processors must now report to MRS the following information on a new electronic schedule when filing their annual Blueberry Tax returns:

- The date and gross weight of each load of wild blueberries shipped;
- The total number of pounds of wild blueberries grown in Maine;
- The total number of pounds of wild blueberries processed in Maine;
- The total number of pounds of unprocessed wild blueberries imported into Maine; and
- The total number of pounds of unprocessed wild blueberries exported from Maine.

Taxpayers must **email** the completed electronic schedule to MRS at <u>fuel.tax@maine.gov</u> at the time of filing their Blueberry Tax returns (**beginning with returns due November 1, 2020**). The new electronic schedule is available online at the MRS website, here: www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/other/othertaxesforms.htm#bberry

Please note that the new electronic schedule does not impact how taxpayers file Blueberry Tax returns. Taxpayers must still file Blueberry Tax returns by mailing MRS the paper returns. **However, Blueberry Tax returns will be considered <u>unfiled</u> unless the new electronic schedules are emailed to MRS.** 

Please contact the Sales, Fuel and Special Tax Division of MRS at (207) 624-9693 with any questions or if you require additional information.