

SCHEDULE 1

Article 4(3)

CERTIFICATION OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS

PART I

FOUNDATION GRADE

1. Strawberry plants of the Foundation grade (F) shall—
 - (a) be derived directly from virus-tested nuclear stock from a source approved by the Secretary of State;
 - (b) be plants which have been kept free from strawberry virus and Red Core disease (*Phytophthora fragariae*) during the propagation period and which have been grown during the said propagation period by a person whose facilities and planting arrangements are acceptable to the Secretary of State;
 - (c) be grown in virus-vector proof conditions throughout the propagation period;
 - (d) be kept completely separate by virus-vector proof material from all plants not eligible for certification;
 - (e) be kept isolated from soil and risk of infection from strawberry Red Core disease and contamination by raspberry Root Rot disease (*Phytophthora megasperma*), Wart Disease of potatoes or Potato Cyst Nematode;
 - (f) be grown in soil free medium;
 - (g) be subject to an effective spray programme to control pests and diseases throughout the propagation period;
 - (h) be inspected twice during the growing season by inspectors;
 - (i) be clearly labelled by variety and clone;
 - (j) be true to type.
2. The standards of purity and health for Foundation grade strawberry plants shall be—

Purity: 100% true to type.

Health: 100% free from pests and diseases.

PART II

SUPER ELITE GRADE

3. Strawberry plants of the Super Elite grade (SE) shall—
 - (a) be derived from stock certified at Foundation grade during the previous growing season;
 - (b) be eligible for certification at Super Elite grade for one generation only;
 - (c) be grown on land which has been inspected and approved by the Secretary of State as suitable for the certification of strawberries at Super Elite grade;
 - (d) be grown in the year entered for certification by a person whose facilities and planting arrangements are acceptable to the Secretary of State;
 - (e) not be grown on land on which strawberry Red Core disease (*Phytophthora fragariae*) or raspberry Root Rot disease (*Phytophthora megasperma*) has been known to occur or be present in the vicinity;

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- (f) not be grown on land which is subject to a Notice served or continued under the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1987((1)) in respect of infection by Wart Disease of potatoes or Potato Cyst Nematode;
 - (g) not be grown on land on which strawberries have previously been grown;
 - (h) not be subject to any fungicidal treatments for the control of strawberry Red Core disease;
 - (i) not be more than one year old;
 - (j) be grown in the block or strip system with runners trained inwards;
 - (k) be inspected twice during the growing season by inspectors;
 - (l) be kept at all times in the year of certification—
 - (i) at least 4 metres from different varieties of the same generation;
 - (ii) at least 100 metres from strawberry stocks entered for Elite grade certification;
 - (iii) at least 1,000 metres from all other strawberry stocks;
 - (iv) at least 1,000 metres from raspberry stocks infected with soil-borne virus to which the variety entered is susceptible;
 - (m) be de-blossomed before fruits set;
 - (n) be kept free from aphid infestation by a suitable spray programme;
 - (o) not be rogued prior to the first inspection;
 - (p) be rogued subsequent to the first inspection only at the discretion of the inspector;
 - (q) be clearly labelled by variety;
 - (r) be true to type;
 - (s) be kept in a reasonable state of cultivation.
4. The standards of purity and health for Super Elite grade strawberry plants shall be—
- Purity: 100%.
- Health:
- (a) 100% free from strawberry Red Core disease;
 - (b) 100% free from visible symptoms of virus diseases;
 - (c) 100% free from nematode infestation;
 - (d) substantially free from other pests and diseases.

PART III

ELITE GRADE

5. Strawberry plants of the Elite grade (E) shall—
- (a) (i) be stock or derived from stock certified at Super Elite grade or higher during the previous growing season; or
 - (ii) be stock or derived from stock certified at Elite grade during the previous growing season but which was not more than one generation removed from Super Elite grade; or
 - (iii) be any other approved stock;
 - (b) be eligible for certification at Elite grade for two generations only;

(1) S.I.1987/1758; to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

- (c) not be more than two years old;
 - (d) be grown in the year entered for certification by a person whose facilities and planting arrangements are acceptable to the Secretary of State;
 - (e) not be grown on land on which strawberry Red Core disease (*Phytophthora fragariae*) or raspberry Root Rot disease (*Phytophthora megasperma*) has been known to occur or be present in the vicinity;
 - (f) not be grown on land which is subject to a Notice served or continued under the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1987 in respect of infection by Wart Disease of potatoes or Potato Cyst Nematode;
 - (g) not be grown on land which has grown strawberries during the two years immediately prior to planting;
 - (h) not be subject to any fungicidal treatments for the control of strawberry Red Core disease;
 - (i) be grown in the block or strip system with runners trained inwards;
 - (j) be inspected twice during the growing season by inspectors;
 - (k) be kept at all times in the year of certification—
 - (i) at least 4 metres from stocks of the same or other varieties entered for Elite certification;
 - (ii) at least 100 metres from all other strawberry stocks;
 - (iii) at least 100 metres from raspberry stocks infected with soil-borne virus to which the variety entered is susceptible;
 - (l) be de-blossomed before fruits set;
 - (m) be kept free from aphid infestation by a suitable spray programme;
 - (n) not be rogued prior to the first inspection;
 - (o) be rogued subsequent to the first inspection only at the discretion of the inspector;
 - (p) be clearly labelled by variety;
 - (q) be true to type;
 - (r) be kept in a reasonable state of cultivation.
6. The standards of purity and health for Elite grade strawberry plants shall be—
- Purity: 100%
- Health:
- (a) 100% free from strawberry Red Core disease;
 - (b) 100% free from soil-borne virus diseases;
 - (c) 99.5% free from visible symptoms of other virus diseases;
 - (d) 99.5% free from nematode infestation;
 - (e) substantially free from other pests and diseases.

PART IV

STANDARD GRADE

7. Strawberry plants of the Standard grade (S) shall—
- (a) (i) be stock or derived from stock, certified at Elite grade or higher during the previous growing season; or

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- (ii) be stock derived from stock, certified at Standard grade during the previous growing season but which was not more than one generation removed from Elite grade or higher; or
 - (iii) be any other approved stock;
 - (b) be eligible for certification at Standard grade for two generations only;
 - (c) not be more than two years old;
 - (d) be grown in the year entered for certification by a person whose facilities and planting arrangements are acceptable to the Secretary of State;
 - (e) not be grown on land on which strawberry Red Core disease (*Phytophthora fragariae*) or raspberry Root Rot disease (*Phytophthora megasperma*) has been known to occur or be present in the vicinity;
 - (f) not be grown on land which is subject to a Notice served or continued under the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1987 in respect of infection by Wart Disease of potatoes or Potato Cyst Nematode;
 - (g) not be subject to any fungicidal treatments for the control of strawberry Red Core disease;
 - (h) be kept at all times in the year of certification:–
 - (i) at least 2 metres from any other strawberry varieties or plantations;
 - (ii) at least 20 metres from raspberry stocks infected with soil-borne virus disease to which the variety entered is susceptible;
 - (iii) at least 20 metres from any strawberry stock substantially infected with any other visible virus diseases, pests or other diseases;
 - (i) be inspected twice during the growing season by inspectors;
 - (j) be kept free from aphid infestation by a suitable spray programme;
 - (k) be clearly labelled by variety;
 - (l) not be excessively rogued prior to inspection;
 - (m) be true to type;
 - (n) be kept in a reasonable state of cultivation.
- 8.** The standards of purity and health for Standard grade strawberry plants shall be–
- Purity: 99.5%
- Health:
- (a) 100% free from strawberry Red Core disease;
 - (b) 100% free from soil borne virus diseases;
 - (c) 98% free from visible symptoms of other virus diseases;
 - (d) 98% free from nematode infestation;
 - (e) reasonably free from other pests and diseases.