

BOPP GROWER STANDARDS - Summary of updates June 2009

Clause and Category		Detail	Type
1.1.5.1	MAJ	All fire risks on the nursery must be assessed. The risk assessment must be reviewed and updated when any changes in activities occur	New
1.1.5.2	MAJ	There must be evidence of fire extinguisher maintenance and servicing	New
1.2.2.1	MAJ	Peat must be sourced from non-SSSI sites or nationally / internationally designated sites . Written evidence of this will be required.....	Amended
1.2.2.2	MIN	There shall be evidence of supplier certification under quality schemes – e.g. BOPP/GMA, RHP or ISO	New
1.2.2.3	MAJ	There shall be an action plan in place with measureable targets and a timescale for peat reduction in line with customer requirements	New
1.2.2.4	MIN	There shall be evidence of on-going trials on peat alternatives coupled with customer requirements	New
1.2.3.1	MIN	f) Carbon emission calculation	Amended
1.2.8.3	MAJ	There must be evidence of compliance with the Agricultural Waste Regulations and exemptions if appropriate	New
1.2.8.4	MIN	There shall be evidence that the business complies with the Defra Code of Practice for the Management of Agricultural and Horticultural waste	New
1.2.8.5	MIN	There shall be no disposing of plant material (green waste) within 10m of production areas unless in a purpose-built, covered, composting unit	New
1.2.8.6	MIN	Skips shall be covered when not in use	New
1.3.2.1	MAJ	The business shall have a clearly defined and regularly reviewed Quality Management Policy	New
1.4.1.3	MAJ	Gangmasters used for any operations must be registered with the Gangmaster Licensing Authority	New
2.1.6.4	MIN	There shall be a policy in place relating to staff raising their own plants on the nursery	New
2.1.6.5	MAJ	Smoking rules must be displayed and strictly enforced, and must not take place in any building or non-designated area	New
2.4.2.1	MIN	2.4.2.1 Fertilisers shall be stored securely to prevent theft, and in covered areas that are safe, clean and dry, off the soil, frost free but ventilated, away from water sources, direct sunlight, plant material, rodents and waste.....	Amended
2.6.1.1	MAJ	There shall be stated nursery standards for the stage of development and establishment of product that is sent out of the nursery	New
2.6.2.1	MAJ	Plants sold shall meet customer specifications and these specifications shall, where given, be checked for acceptability to both nursery and the customer. There shall be written proof or electronic evidence that such specifications, including varieties and rootstocks, have been agreed and are being adhered to. No N/A	New

2.6.3.1	MIN	There shall be evidence of new product development, including assessments by the grower and by customers where applicable	New
2.7.2.1	MAJ	This is intended for retail units and shall be accurate whether generic or specific and shall leave a minimum of one label per unit sold	New
4.2.1.1	MIN	4.2.1.1 Nurseries shall ensure that plants arrive at the customer's site in good condition and that there is adequate insurance cover for loss or damage of plants (third party transport)	New
4.2.3.1	MIN	4.2.3.1 There shall be stated standards for delivery including temperatures, compost wetness, maximum times on trolleys etc., and evidence that the standards are met	New
4.3.2.1	MIN	4.3.2.1 Where possible, cultural methods rather than chemical should be used to regulate plant growth	New
4.4.3.1	MAJ	4.4.3.1 The nursery shall demonstrate that they regularly discuss the outcome of all complaints received and modify practices to actively reduce the number of complaints year on year . No N/A.	Amended
4.4.4.2	MIN	4.4.4.2 The nursery shall have a designated returns area	New