

Traceability module production companies

When a company purchases more than 25% (in volume), this traceability module for production companies becomes applicable.

Requirements	Interpretation
<p>1.1 Initial check</p> <p>a The company carries out an initial check of every batch of floricultural- and/or tree products received</p> <p>b The company makes information available to the staff charged with carrying out the checks with regard to the company's relevant critical points. The applicable product specifications are also included in this.</p> <p>c In cases of anomalies, the company registers at least the nature of the anomaly, the supplier and the action to be taken.</p>	<p>Purpose is to assess whether the batch meets the delivery provisions and the company's own quality schemes, and whether the batch is fresh enough. If it is not possible to check every batch, a representative number of samples must be checked, in order to guarantee reliability.</p>
<p>1.2 Storage</p> <p>a If applicable, the company has a conditioned area at its disposal for the storage of products.</p> <p>b Products awaiting handling will be kept in a conditioned storage area for at least the night.</p> <p>c The company measures and records at least the anomalies in the temperature in the conditioned storage area.</p>	<p>* The area and temperature / humidity are suitable for the specific product. * For example, a distinction can be made in the following areas / compartments: a cold area for flowers, a slightly warmer cold area for flowers, an area for plants and an area for edible products.</p> <p>For example anomalies as a result of a fault.</p>
<p>1.3 Stock management</p> <p>a The company has a stock administration system at batch level for batches of floricultural- and/or tree products on the site.</p> <p>b The company keeps records of the quantity of faulty products, stating the reason for the rejection.</p> <p>c The company checks the stock lists at the end of each working day, with data on the receipt date and freshness.</p>	<p>Per batch, the administration system includes records that at least include product information (on the variety, cultivar and type), the receipt date, the supplier information and the purchase date.</p> <p>Batches which no longer meet the minimum quality requirements according to the list are visually assessed and: - if unsuitable, are removed from stock, or - if unsuitable for limited use, are marked as a deviating product</p>
<p>1.4 Intermediate quality checks</p> <p>a The company carries out checks on the quality and/or requirements for preservation per product.</p> <p>b The freshness of batches of floricultural-, tree- and/or edible products is checked and recorded during handling and processing and on leaving the company.</p>	<p>Temperature, humidity and number of days, if applicable.</p>
<p>1.5 Distribution</p> <p>a The company is responsible for delivering the correct product to the correct client.</p>	<p>The company has a system at its disposal that excludes the mixing of batches purchased by order of the buyer with batches for other buyers.</p>

1.6 Traceability

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| a | The company affixes information to batches of the products. | Minimum visible aspects are:
1. clear identification of batches;
2. the quality category of batches;
3. the phase of inspection (e.g. were initial checks carried out: yes or no) by means of a method set by the company (e.g. by means of a label, a stock number (or none), the removal of the auction note or delivery slips, a fixed location, etc. |
| b | The company records the direct supplier of all purchased batches. In cases of purchase by auction, this is the supplier to the auction. The initial country of origin is known (statutory requirement). | In cases of purchase by auction, this is the supplier to the auction. The initial country of origin is known (statutory requirement). |
| c | The company keeps records of all deliveries to clients as well as the products delivered. | Varieties, quantities, grading, etc. |
| d | The records of purchased batches, processing and deliveries to buyers are set up in such a way that a clear check can be done of the originating suppliers of the products. | In the following situations, 100% traceability of the originating batch is not absolutely essential:
1. For bouquets and mixed trays. When these are put together, a record is made of the batches used.
2. When adding together products of equal quality from more than one purchased batch. When these are added together, a record is made of which purchased batches have been combined. |
| e | The administration system is set up in such a way that traceability of the origin of supplied flowers is possible for a minimum of 3 weeks, and for a minimum of 6 weeks for plants. Tree products must be traceable for at least 1 growing season following supply. | |
| f | The retention periods for the records are in accordance with the nature of the records and the periods laid down by law. The initialled evidence of checks is kept in addition to the recorded anomalies. If complaints procedures are set in motion, the records are kept until the handling of the complaint has been finalised. Assessment reports and other records relating to the organisation are kept for at least six months. | |
| g | The used packaging is marked with identification. | |
| h | In the event that products with a certain quality mark (for example MPS-ABC, MPS-SQ, Milieukeur, EKO) are supplied to a buyer with a statement of this quality mark, upon the specific request of the buyer, these products must be administratively and physically distinguishable from other products from the time of supply to the time of dispatch. | |
| i | Additional products purchased must be sustainable (e.g. standards from the FSI basket of standards, MPS-ABC, EKO, PlanetProof etc.). | The company must state how many of the additional products it purchased are sustainable. Subsequently, plans must be formulated containing ever more far-reaching objectives relating to the purchase of sustainable products and the associated action plan.
The percentage of sustainably purchased products should be higher every year. |