

MPS-SQ Certification Standard

Terms and Definitions

The MPS-SQ Certification Standard consists of the following documents:

- MPS-SQ Certification Standard
- **MPS-SQ Terms and Definitions**
- MPS Governance
- MPS-List prohibited active substances
- Instructions for use of the uniform MPS-Vignette

MPS-SQ terms and definitions

Applicant	Company that has submitted an application to the certification body for certification for a MPS-SQ certificate.
Agricultural operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cultivation of cut flowers, cut foliage, pot plants, tree nursery products, herbaceous perennials, bulb flowers (forced), flower bulbs (bulb cultivation), forced shrubs, fruit, vegetables, herbs, arable crops and starting material- Storage (chilled) of products- Drying/storage (including in ice) and preparation (particularly bulbs)- Disinfection of products- Disinfection of greenhouse, containers, seed trays, etc.- Processing/storage of natural products- Tissue culture
CBA Certificate	Collective Bargaining Agreement The document, issued by the CB, that indicates that there is a legitimate expectation that the company named on the certificate acts in accordance with the requirements set out in the MPS-SQ certification criteria.
Certificate holder	Company that has been certified by the certification body on the basis of (part of) the MPS-SQ certification scheme, that has obtained the corresponding certificate and is liable to fulfil all obligations arising from the certification scheme (or the appropriate elements of that scheme).
Certification Body (CB):	Organisation licensed by MPS to monitor compliance with the requirements of the MPS-SQ certification scheme and entitled to award certificates.
CoS	Council of Stakeholders
Drinking water	Fresh water that is safe for human consumption
Grouplabel	Several independent companies, each with an individual certificate, jointly carry one MPS label under a common number.
MPS	MPS Foundation. Owner of the MPS standards.
Scope	The description of the activities of a company that is certified against the MPS-SQ certification scheme.