Animal and Plant Health Agency

EU certification scheme fruit plants
Explanatory guide to micropropagation propagating material

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1. **Introduction**


2. **Applications**

The scheme is open to any grower in England and Wales who can meet the general conditions for entry and comply with the specific conditions of entry. Applications for entry of material to be submitted through the approved administrator, presently the Nuclear Stock Association Limited. Visit [http://nsa-plants.co.uk](http://nsa-plants.co.uk)

Growers will need to apply to APHA and be registered to issue Plant Passports or registered as producers under the scheme.

3. **Labelling / sealing / supplier and variety registration**

Refer to separate documents covering labelling, sealing, supplier and variety registration.

4. **Grades**

Any recognised grade within the EU Certification Scheme for:

*Castanea sativa* Mill.


*Corylus avellana* L.

*Cydonia oblonga* Mill.

*Ficus carica* L.

*Fragaria* L.

*Juglans regia* L.

*Malus* Mill.

*Olea europaea* L.
5. Requirements concerning multiplication

Laboratories must have recognised protocols of EPPO or other internationally recognised protocols in place.

Only protocols that have an established method on the relevant genus or species to allow phenotypic validation of the plants as regards the trueness to type and description of the variety based on the observation of the fruit production or of the vegetative development of rootstocks can be approved.

6. Freedom from quarantine diseases

Growers who become aware of or suspect the presence of any quarantine disease must notify the Plant Health Inspector immediately.

7. Isolation distances

For the weaning process separation must be sufficient to ensure varieties of the same grade do not mix. Field isolation distances apply between different grades; exceptionally approval to reduce isolation distances may be granted from PHSI requiring additional precautions and standard operating procedures.

8. Number of inspections

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<td>Plants</td>
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For planting material maintained for a period over 3 months an additional inspection will be required.
9. Standards to be met
Refer to the summary of pests and diseases for the appropriate category and grade.

10. Maximum permitted number of generations

For **BASIC** category

<table>
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<th>Plant Name</th>
<th>Maximum number of generations</th>
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<td><em>Fragaria</em> L.</td>
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<td><em>Prunus amygdalus</em>, <em>Prunus armeniaca</em>, <em>Prunus domestica</em>, <em>Prunus persica</em>, <em>Prunus salicina</em></td>
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<td><em>Prunus avium</em>, <em>Prunus cerasus</em></td>
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<td>Vaccinium L.</td>
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* Where rootstocks are part of basic mother plants, those rootstocks shall be basic material of the first generation.

♯ *Ribes* mother plants shall be maintained as mother plants for a maximum of six years.

♯ *Rubus* mother plants of each generation shall be maintained as mother plants for a maximum of four years.

### 11. Validity of certificates

Micropropagated material will be given the same grade as the material from which it was micropropagated.

The certificate is valid at the appropriate grade until 31 May in the year after certification.

### 12. Record keeping (critical points plan)

The micropropagation laboratory must maintain relevant information to monitor the key points in the production process of all stocks entered for certification.

These include:

- Location and number of plants
- Micropropagation operations
- Weaning house plans
- Packaging, storage and transportation operations.

The information should remain available for at least three years and made available to PHSI upon request.

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