

Comments for answering GLOBALGAP questions about propagation material

In the GLOBALGAP-document 'Control Points and Compliance Criteria Integrated Farm Assurance Crops Base' (English Version V3.0-3_Feb 09) questions are asked about propagation material (chapter 2).

In this document you will find Bejo's comments for answering these questions:

2. Propagation material

2.1 Quality and health

2.1.1 Is there a document that guarantees seed quality (free from injurious pests, diseases, virus, etc.) ?

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The seed packaging or the bag label states the seed supplier (seller), the lot number and the name of the variety. The packaging mentions an EG code. This code shows that the seed complies with the quality criteria of the European Union regarding diseases, the authenticity and purity of the variety and the germination capacity. This code means that seed has been found to be sufficiently free from diseases and complies with the other quality criteria. The catalogues/pricelists of the seed companies contain the product specifications of precision seed for the different crops. In this way the growers are informed about the seed quality.

2.1.2 Are quality guarantees or certified production guarantees documented for purchased propagation material?

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This is the responsibility of the nursery.

A

2.1.3 Is purchased vegetative propagation material free of visible signs of pest and disease

Q

This is the responsibility of the nursery.

A

2.1.4 Are plant health quality control systems operational for in-house nursery propagation?

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This is the responsibility of the nursery.

A



2.2 Pest and disease resistance

2.2.1 Does the producer consider pest and disease resistance/tolerance characteristics during variety selection?

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The grower is responsible for the choice of variety. He should be able to give reasons for his choice. The growers can obtain information about varieties from, among other things, the catalogues of seed companies (such as resistance/tolerance/appropriate cultivation period/susceptibility to diseases). In addition, he may use the results of the Utility Value Research [Centraal Gebruikswaarde Onderzoek] or his own variety testing.

2.3 Chemical Treatments and Dressings

2.3.1 Is the use of seed/annual rootstocks treatments recorded?

Q

The seed packaging states the product(s) with which the seed has been treated. The catalogue of the seed companies shows what disease or pest organism the treatment is effective against. It is up to the grower whether he uses treated or untreated seed.

2.3.2 Are plant protection product treatments on in-house nursery propagation material applied during the plant propagation period recorded?

Q

This is the responsibility of the nursery and/or grower.

2.4 Sowing/Planting

2.4.1 Does the producer keep records on sowing/planting methods, seed/planting rate, sowing/planting date?

Q

This is the responsibility of the nursery and/or grower.



2.5 Genetically Modified Organisms (N/A if no Genetically Modified varieties are used)

2.5.1 Does the planting of or trials with GMO's comply with all applicable legislation in the country of production?

Q

The inclusion of a general statement in the catalogues that the varieties contained therein are not GMOs, unless explicitly stated, eliminates the need to include this statement for every variety. The grower is also responsible for the arrangements he makes with the buyers about the cultivation of GMOs. He must also inform all his buyers if he produces GMOs. All Bejo varieties mentioned on the website and in catalogues and other promotional material are produced using traditional plant breeding methods. We do not have any genetically modified varieties for commercial use.

2.5.2 Is there documentation available when the producer is growing genetically modified organisms?

Q

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2.5.3 Did the producer inform their direct clients of the GMO status of the product?

Q

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2.5.4 Is there a plan for handling GM material (crops and trials) setting out strategies to minimise contamination risks, such as accidental mixing of adjacent non-GM crops and maintaining product integrity?

Q

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2.5.5 Are GMO crops stored separately from other crops to avoid adventitious mixing?

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