

SCHEDULE 1

CERTIFICATION OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS

PART III

ELITE GRADE

5. Strawberry plants of the Elite grade (E) shall—
- (a) (i) be stock or derived from stock certified at Super Elite grade or higher during the previous growing season; or
 - (ii) be stock or derived from stock certified at Elite grade during the previous growing season but which was not more than one generation removed from Super Elite grade; or
 - (iii) be any other approved stock;
 - (b) be eligible for certification at Elite grade for two generations only;
 - (c) not be more than two years old;
 - (d) be grown in the year entered for certification by a person whose facilities and planting arrangements are acceptable to the Secretary of State;
 - (e) not be grown on land on which strawberry Red Core disease (*Phytophthora fragariae*) or raspberry Root Rot disease (*Phytophthora megasperma*) has been known to occur or be present in the vicinity;
 - (f) not be grown on land which is subject to a Notice served or continued under the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1987 in respect of infection by Wart Disease of potatoes or Potato Cyst Nematode;
 - (g) not be grown on land which has grown strawberries during the two years immediately prior to planting;
 - (h) not be subject to any fungicidal treatments for the control of strawberry Red Core disease;
 - (i) be grown in the block or strip system with runners trained inwards;
 - (j) be inspected twice during the growing season by inspectors;
 - (k) be kept at all times in the year of certification—
 - (i) at least 4 metres from stocks of the same or other varieties entered for Elite certification;
 - (ii) at least 100 metres from all other strawberry stocks;
 - (iii) at least 100 metres from raspberry stocks infected with soil-borne virus to which the variety entered is susceptible;
 - (l) be de-blossomed before fruits set;
 - (m) be kept free from aphid infestation by a suitable spray programme;
 - (n) not be rogued prior to the first inspection;
 - (o) be rogued subsequent to the first inspection only at the discretion of the inspector;
 - (p) be clearly labelled by variety;
 - (q) be true to type;
 - (r) be kept in a reasonable state of cultivation.
6. The standards of purity and health for Elite grade strawberry plants shall be—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

Purity: 100%

Health:

- (a) 100% free from strawberry Red Core disease;
- (b) 100% free from soil-borne virus diseases;
- (c) 99.5% free from visible symptoms of other virus diseases;
- (d) 99.5% free from nematode infestation;
- (e) substantially free from other pests and diseases.