

SCHEDULE 2

CERTIFICATION OF RASPBERRY PLANTS

PART III

ELITE GRADE

5. Raspberry plants of the Elite grade (E) shall—
- (a) (i) be derived from stock certified at Super Elite grade or higher during the season prior to planting; or
 - (ii) have an unbroken history of certification at Elite grade or higher; or
 - (iii) be any other approved stock;
 - (b) be eligible for certification at Elite grade for four generations only with daughter stocks being treated as part of the parent stock;
 - (c) be grown in spawn-beds not more than four 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 raspberry Root Rot disease (*Phytophthora megasperma*) or strawberry Red Core disease (*Phytophthora fragariae*) 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) be grown in spawn-beds with “alleyways” provided at 2.5 metre intervals to facilitate inspection;
 - (h) be inspected twice during the growing season by inspectors;
 - (i) be kept at all times in the year of certification—
 - (i) at least 4 metres from different varieties and stocks eligible for Elite certification including daughter stocks;
 - (ii) at least 100 metres from commercial fruiting plantations of *Rubus* e.g. raspberry, bramble or Tayberry;
 - (iii) at least 100 metres from raspberry spawn-beds entered for Standard certification;
 - (iv) at least 100 metres from wild raspberries, brambles and other *Rubus* species or varieties;
 - (v) at least 100 metres from any strawberry stock infected with soil-borne virus to which the variety entered for inspection is susceptible;
 - (j) be kept free from flowering canes at all times except in the case of autumn fruiting varieties;
 - (k) be kept free from aphid infestation by a suitable spray programme;
 - (l) not be rogued prior to the first inspection;
 - (m) be rogued subsequent to the first inspection only at the discretion of the inspector;
 - (n) be clearly labelled by variety;
 - (o) be true to type;
 - (p) be kept in a reasonable state of cultivation.

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6. The standards of purity and health for Elite grade raspberry plants shall be—

Purity: 100%

Health:

- (a) 100% free from raspberry Root Rot disease;
- (b) 100% free from *Rubus* Stunt and soil borne virus diseases;
- (c) 99.5% free from visible symptoms of other virus diseases;
- (d) substantially free from other pests and diseases.