

Evaluation card

Freesia

Flower

Botrytis

Description: severe infection: brown marks measuring 1 cm or more.

Reject: if more than 50% of the flowers/buds that have not yet finished flowering is affected by Botrytis.

End of flowering

Description: the front and back sides of the flower can be pressed together without any resistance. The flower looks transparent and/or 'glistening'.

Record: the moment this phenomenon shows at 50% or more of the flowers.

Reject: if the last non-deformed flower on the main stem has finished flowering and no fully grown and coloured buds are present (see picture of a fully grown coloured bud).



Bud dehydration

Description: the buds did not open and are withered.

Reject: if more than 50% of the total number of buds shows this phenomenon.

Flowering percentage

Record: the flowering percentage is the ratio of the number of opened buds and the total number of buds on the main stem. A bud is considered a bud as it is clearly visible (that means more than 0,5 cm) above the bracts.

Deformation

Record: the number of deformed flowers.

Stem

Bending

Description: the stem bends.

Reject: when detected.

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