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To : Suppliers cultivating plants outside the Netherlands
From : Loek Barendse
cc : George Franke

Re : Xylella PP report

To FloraHolland suppliers of plants for which a plant passport has become mandatory from 1 February 2016 in connection with Xylella fastidiosa.

Due to the outbreak of the bacterial disease Xylella fastidiosa, the EU has imposed a number of measures. [Click below for information about Xylella fastidiosa.](#)

<https://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/planten-plantaardige-producten/dossier/xylella-fastidiosa>

One of the measures is introducing the mandatory use of a plant passport for several plant species.

In the appendix to this e-mail (Host plants susceptible to Xylella fastidiosa), there are two lists of plant species for which a plant passport becomes mandatory on 1 February 2016. This list is expected to be expanded in the near future.

In 2015 you supplied one or more of the plant species specified on this list.

You must ensure that the plants you supply which were not cultivated in the Netherlands are accompanied by a plant passport. The organisation charged with this task by your ministry will conduct an inspection of your company and give you permission to use the plant passport.

From 1 February 2016 every lot of a species specified in the list of plant species must be accompanied by a plant passport.

The VBN General Product Specification for House and Garden Plants includes the following relevant information:

Legal requirements

- For products for which a plant passport is mandatory, the minimum requirement is that each plant or packaging unit must have a plant passport provided by the supplier.

(If products do not meet these requirements, they will not be traded).

NB: for clock supply at very least the smallest sales unit (e.g. a tray) must be accompanied by a plant passport. If the smallest sales unit is a pot, then every pot must be accompanied by a plant passport.

For direct trade it is highly preferable for the smallest sales unit to be accompanied by a plant passport at very least, so that a plant passport is present when they are distributed over several subdivided lots. It is possible for the dealers/brokers to attach new plant passports to subdivided lots, but these dealers/brokers must be authorised to do so by the inspectorate. And they must be able to guarantee the traceability to the original lot in their administration.

[Click here for further information about the plant passport:](#)

<http://www.naktuinbouw.nl/en/article/plant-passport-guide-companies>

Click here for further information about the criteria set for a plant passport:
<https://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/planten-plantaardige-producten/dossier/plantenpaspoort1/eisen-aan-een-plantenpaspoort>

To inform your customers that you are supplying a product with a plant passport, you can use the quality code S61 (additions), adding code 004 (plant passport) to your lot details.

If you have any questions about all this, please turn to:

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