

EDIBLE PLANTS

The rules given below apply to products that are suitable for consumption at the time of trading.

- Suppliers must be able to demonstrate that the legal requirements have been met and independent sampling has been ensured. The following are compliant:
 - MPS Proof;
 - MPS Fruit and Vegetables;
 - MPS Fruit and Vegetables Natural Protected;
 - Global Gap;
 - A demonstrably comparable system.
- During trading the company's certification must be visible.
- During trading it must be clear that the plants are edible.
- 'Edible plants or plant parts' are specified with the quality code S77 'edible/not edible'.

There are the following options:

- Code 1 Suitable for human consumption
- Code 2 Edible plant
- Code 3 Edible fruits
- Code 4 Edible flowers
- Code 6 Produces edible fruits

The supplier can also specify this visibly on the product information, using a stick-in or hanging label, a (printed) sleeve or a (printed) pot etc.

- Products that are obviously edible (e.g. kitchen herbs) must not be traded as 'not for human consumption'. These products may only be sold as 'edible' and must meet the applicable product requirements.
- When they are being traded, edible products must comply with the set applicable European MRLs. Please refer to the [EU Pesticides database](#) website for the correct information. To find out whether a particular active substance has been authorised for use, please refer to the Board for the Authorisation of Plant Protection Products and Biocides website (College voor de toelating van gewasbeschermingsmiddelen en biociden, toelatingsinstantie voor Nederland, www.ctgb.nl).

Labelling

- The applicable EU mandatory labelling of the quality of vegetables and fruit applies to the following 8 edible plants:
 - Thyme
 - Basil
 - Melissa
 - Mint
 - Oregano/wild marjoram
 - Rosemary
 - Sage
 - Chive
- Mandatory labelling for food safety applies to other edible flowers/plants if the possibility exists of consumption at the moment of trading (e.g. ripe strawberries on a plant).
- When intended for use as food and packaged as such (e.g. pot of chives in a sleeve, or set of 6 kitchen herbs), each unit (pot or set) must have a label that complies with the following requirements:
 - The label/the sticker is clearly visible;
 - Stick-in labels must be securely placed and clearly visible;
 - Name of the product is specified;
 - Country of origin is given (e.g. COO The Netherlands);
 - Name and address details of the packer/sender are stated on each individual sleeve/pot (just an e-mail address or URL is not permitted). It is recommended to include the MPS number or GlobalGAP number as well. The name and address details of the packer/sender may be replaced by the name and address details of the seller (for example, a retailer or foreign buyer) in combination with the supplier's code of the packer/sender. This supplier's code must be known in advance by the KCB.

- Products intended for use as a garden plant (e.g. for transplanting in the garden) do not have to be labelled. The plants must meet the other requirements for edible plants (MPS Fruit and Vegetables label or comparable label).
- For the complete regulations, refer to the EU Regulation concerning the provision of food information ([EU Regulation](#)).

Potentially edible products that are traded as ‘not for consumption’

- When trading ‘not edible products’ from a plant group that contains both edible and not edible products, the supplier must specify this with quality code S77 (edible/not edible) with code 9 = not for consumption.

It is mandatory to display “not for consumption” visibly on the product in the product information, using a stick-in or hanging label, a (printed) sleeve or a (printed) pot, etc. An example of a potentially edible product that can be traded as not for consumption is *Capsicum annum* (ornamental pepper).

NB. A list is enclosed of potentially edible flowers/plants which should be accompanied by the quality code S77.

Appendix 1 List of potentially edible products which must be accompanied by the code S77 edible/not edible

<u>Garden Plants</u>	
<u>VBN group</u>	<u>Name</u>
31007101	Artemisia
30513301	Citrus
30500701	Corylus
31099909	Cucurbita
30516301	Cydonia oblonga
31019101	Foeniculum
31000201	Fragaria
30904201	Vegetable plants
30517301	Juglans
30520501	Laurus
30505501	Lavandula
30505902	Malus x domestica
31013001	Mentha
30506001	Morus
31020901	Myosotis
31004401	Origanum
30518201	Passiflora
30507601	Pyrus
31014601	Rheum
30519801	Rosmarinus officinalis
30507401	Rubus
31024701	Rumex acetosa
31000901	Salvia
30516901	Sambucus
31002601	Thymus
31099904	Other garden herbs
30507201	Vaccinium
30507301	Vitis
<u>Product code</u>	<u>Full product name</u>
40054	Achillea millefolium
40057	Achillea millefolium 'Cerise Queen'
319782	Achillea millefolium Desert Eve Cream
319781	Achillea millefolium Desert Eve Deep Rose
321692	Achillea millefolium 'Desert Eve Light Yellow'
319707	Achillea millefolium Desert Eve Red
321693	Achillea millefolium Desert Eve Yellow
40062	Achillea millefolium 'Hoffnung'
40064	Achillea millefolium 'Lachsschönheit'
40066	Achillea millefolium 'Lilac Beauty'
51614	Achillea millefolium 'Summer Pastels'
40070	Achillea millefolium 'Summerwine'
40072	Achillea millefolium 'White Queen'
109589	Allium porrum

	40294	Allium schoenoprasum
	40295	Allium schoenoprasum 'Forescate'
	40304	Allium tuberosum
	109646	Aloysia citrodora
	114779	Anethum graveolens
	40528	Anthriscus sylvestris
	40537	Apium graveolens
	30372	Arbutus unedo
	40692	Armoracia rusticana
	30393	Aronia melanocarpa
	26806	Beta vulgaris 'Bright Lights'
	109585	Beta vulgaris ssp. cicla
	6746	Brassica oleracea
	20118	Brassica oleracea (curly)
	109714	Brassica oleracea var. gongylodes
	31269	Castanea sativa, other
	109647	Coriandrum sativum
	41978	Cynara cardunculus
	41979	Cynara scolymus
	109650	Diplotaxis tenuifolia
	32584	Eriobotrya japonica
	109648	Eruca vesicaria ssp. sativa
	32788	Ficus carica
	39435	Ficus carica 'Brown Turkey'
	4980	Other fruit trees and bushes
	109660	Mixed vegetable plants
	109651	Gynostemma pentaphyllum
	43300	Helichrysum italicum
	43850	Humulus lupulus
	43863	Hyssopus officinalis
	323102	Ipomoea 'Beauregard'
	117101	Ipomoea 'Floramia Nero'
	44448	Levisticum officinale
	33917	Lycium barbarum
	5307	Malus, other
	101916	Matricaria recutita
	44748	Melissa officinalis
	34246	Mespilus germanica
	319129	Ocimum basilicum 'Magic Mountain'
	34303	Olea europaea
	49629	Petroselinum crispum
	109644	Phyla dulcis
	45579	Physalis alkekengi
	45580	Physalis alkekengi franchettii
	38008	Pinus pinea
	34959	Punica granatum
	34960	Punica granatum 'Nana'

	46048	Rheum
	46076	Rosmarinus officinalis
	46107	Rumex acetosa
	109654	Salsola soda
	109610	Salvia confertiflora
	109609	Salvia viridis
	46184	Santolina chamaecyparissus
	109612	Satureja
	35515	Schisandra chinensis
	116080	Solanum lycopersicum Tomtato
	109658	Stevia rebaudiana
<u>House Plants</u>		
	<u>VBN group</u>	<u>Name</u>
	20102001	Capsicum annuum
	20111501	Solanum
	20111502	Solanum lycopersicum
	<u>Product code</u>	<u>Full product name</u>
	9886	Ficus carica
	25640	Pistacia lentiscus
<u>Cut Flowers</u>		
	<u>VBN group</u>	<u>Name</u>
	10703602	Exotic fruits per tray
	10703601	Exotic fruits per item
	10703603	Exotic fruits per branch

This list of potentially edible flowers/plants reflects a particular moment in time and is subject to revision. The completeness of this list cannot be guaranteed, and no rights can be derived from it.