
Offer and Sourcing

Group Product & Sourcing Quality

Plant Health/Biosecurity Policy V1

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Introduction

Kingfisher Group takes the subject of plant health very seriously and recognise our important role in preventing the introduction and spread of harmful plant pests and pathogens by ensuring that our plant products come from clean, well maintained registered nurseries.

Kingfisher are committed to managing good biosecurity practices throughout the supply chain, with a series of robust precautions and procedures that aim to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful organisms, as well as providing high quality plants to their customers.

Processes and procedures will evolve as new advice is provided by the plant health authorities in each country and new pests and diseases occur.

Policy scope

The policy covers the following horticultural products:

- Nursery plants
- Bedding plants
- Houseplants
- Bulbs
- Seeds
- Christmas – wreaths, Christmas trees
- Potato tubers
- Grass/ Grass Seeds
- Soil
- Growing Media.

The Policy

It is Kingfisher's policy to only work with suppliers:

- Who are proactive in ensuring practices are in place to control plant biosecurity
- Are registered and approved by nationally recognised agencies, for young plants, seeds, bulbs and all components of the finished product including pot and growing media.
- Who demonstrate a proactive approach to good plant hygiene and the control of pests and diseases
- Who are compliant to government legislation, regulations and other requirements relevant to Plant Health.
- Close collaboration with plant health inspectors and enforcement agencies

- Vendor and Product risk assessments to manage and mitigate pest and disease threats
- Cooperation with audits, during productions inspection (DUPRO), Gold seal inspections and Final Random Inspection (FRI) at dispatch.
- Detailed specifications including visibility of source and transit countries.
- Promoting and encouraging good plant health in planting schemes and practices.
- Not sourcing any host plants originating from regions where the disease Xylella is known to exist, in accordance with enforcement agency best practice
- Trialling a wide range of plant species not thought vulnerable to pest and disease to manage future crops.