

Instructions regarding Keeping, Cultivation and Processing of Plants

1. Diseases and pests

Please keep in mind that all plants delivered by us are, as all other plants, biological products. In the course of usual business it is in the nature of things that in particular cases, even while applying due diligence, plants could be infected by diseases or pests.

Infected or pest-infested plants can be infectious and may contribute to the spread of insect pests. Thus, diseases (either viral or bacterial) or pests may be transmitted on other plants.

2. Preventive and mitigative measures against infection or insect pest infestation

By applying usual standards known from the current state of the art regarding a sanitary keeping, cultivation and processing of our plants you can significantly reduce the risk that diseases (viral or bacterial) or insect pests, which may have infected individual plants, spread or infect other healthy plants.

Such standards related to a sanitary keeping, cultivation and processing of plants particularly include a system to recognize diseases or pests at an early stage.

Furthermore, a careful and hygienic handling of plants and tools to keep, cultivate and process the plants is appropriate. This especially applies to individuals and tools being exposed to diseases and pests in a predictable way and thus being notably suitable for spreading diseases and pests. You should, for example, regularly disinfect all cutting devices (automatic devices, hand-cutting devices etc.), especially after having used them for plants.

Plants suspected of being infected, either by viral or by bacterial diseases, or being pest-infested should immediately be removed in order to prevent the transmission to other plants. In case of a suspected infection or pest infestation all plants that are likely to be infected or pest-infested, at least all plants located in the production area or in the relevant premises, should be carefully checked for infections or pest-infestations. Furthermore, it must be checked immediately whether plants suspected of being infected or pest-infested or of transmitting diseases or pests had been transferred to third parties. If circumstances, especially the type of disease or pest infection, so require, such third parties should be promptly informed.

Hence it is in the interest of the individuals keeping, cultivating and processing the plants to apply appropriate sanitary standards related to the keeping, cultivation and processing of plants as well as to check all plants effectively and on a regular basis and to implement a system to detect any diseases and pests at an early stage.

Additional information and guidance on measures to reduce the risk of pests and diseases can be provided by the relevant Plant Protection Services.