

Council Directive 98/56/EC of 20 July 1998 on the
marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants

TITLE IV

REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET BY SUPPLIERS OF PROPAGATING MATERIAL

Article 6

1 Without prejudice to paragraph 2, suppliers shall be officially registered in relation to the activities which they carry out under this Directive. The responsible official body may deem suppliers, who are already registered under Directive 77/93/EEC, to be registered for the purposes of the current Directive. Such suppliers shall nonetheless comply with the requirements of the current Directive.

2 Paragraph 1 shall not apply to suppliers marketing only to persons not professionally engaged in the production or sale of ornamental plants or propagating material. Such suppliers shall nonetheless comply with the requirements of the current Directive.

Article 7

1 Suppliers engaged in production of propagating material shall:

- identify and monitor critical points in their production process which influence the quality of the material,
- keep information, for examination when requested by the responsible official body on the monitoring laid down in the first indent,
- take samples where necessary for analysis in a laboratory with suitable facilities and expertise,
- ensure that, during production, lots of propagating material remain separately identifiable.

2 In the case of the appearance, on the premises of a supplier engaged in the production of propagating material, of a harmful organism listed in Directive 77/93/EEC or in any measures established pursuant to Article 5(5), the supplier shall report it to the responsible official body and shall carry out any measures laid down by that body.

3 When propagating material is marketed, registered suppliers shall keep records of their sales or purchases for at least 12 months.

4 Rules for the application of paragraph 1 above may be established in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 17.