

SCHEDULE 3

CERTIFICATION OF BLACKCURRANT BUSHES

PART I

ELITE GRADE

1. Blackcurrant bushes of the Elite Grade (E) shall—
 - (a) (i) be derived from stocks certified at Elite grade or higher during the previous growing season; or
(ii) have an unbroken history of certification at Elite grade or higher; or
(iii) be any other approved stock;
 - (b) be eligible for certification at Elite grade for up to four growing seasons provided the certification history remains unbroken during this period;
 - (c) not be more than 3 years old in the case of bushes for sale or 4 years old in the case of bushes grown for the production of propagation material;
 - (d) be grown in the year entered for certification by a person whose facilities and planting arrangements are acceptable to the Secretary of State;
 - (e) not be grown on land on which strawberry Red Core disease (*Phytophthora fragariae*) or raspberry Root Rot disease (*Phytophthora megasperma*) has been known to occur or be present in the vicinity;
 - (f) not be grown on land which is subject to a Notice served or continued under the Plant Health (Great Britain) Order 1987 in respect of infection by Wart Disease of potatoes or Potato Cyst Nematode;
 - (g) be kept sufficiently spaced to prevent overcrowding and allow each bush to be inspected;
 - (h) be kept at all times in the year of certification—
 - (i) at least 1 metre from different varieties and stocks eligible for Elite certification;
 - (ii) at least 90 metres from all other blackcurrant varieties;
 - (i) be inspected twice during the growing season by inspectors;
 - (j) not be rogued prior to the first inspection;
 - (k) be rogued subsequent to the first inspection only at the discretion of the inspector;
 - (l) be clearly labelled by variety and age of bushes;
 - (m) be true to type;
 - (n) be kept in a reasonable state of cultivation.
2. The standards of purity and health for Elite grade blackcurrant bushes shall be—

Purity: 100%

Health:

 - (a) 100% free from Big Bud Mite, Reversion and other discernible virus diseases;
 - (b) substantially free from American Gooseberry Mildew;
 - (c) substantially free from other pests and diseases.