

# Plant Health and Marketing Standards of Agricultural Products

GREEN LINE TRADE

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# Plant health requirements

- EU legislation on Plant Health 2016/2031/EU
- EU Legislation on phytosanitary requirements for import and movement of plants and plant products 2019/2072/EU
- EU Legislation on marketing standards for fruits and vegetables Regulation 543/2011 [Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/429 and 2023/2430 as of 01/01/2025]
- Green Line Regulation 1480/2004/EC
  - **All plant products are required to be accompanied by a phytosanitary report issued by independent Experts appointed by the Commission.**



# Plants and plant products that are NOT permitted to cross the line

- All plants for planting (outdoor and indoor), cuttings and any propagating material.
- Potatoes for planting (potato seed).
- Any quantity of hay or straw.
- Soil and substrate,

due to the possible risk of spreading harmful organisms, other infectious or contagious diseases.



## Procedures in place

- Independent Phytosanitary experts appointed by the EU commission carry out controls according to the type of cultivation and are present during the cultivation, harvesting and packing of plant products.
- Once products are placed in plastic boxes/cartons, a label must be placed to indicate conformity to the marketing standards.
- Once products are placed on the means of transport, the independent experts ensure the placement of seals and the issue of the phytosanitary report.



# Information on label

- Name of the product if the contents are not visible
- Quality Category (“I” or “II”), where appropriate (e.g. sweet peppers, lettuces/endives, nectarines, peaches, tomatoes, strawberries, apples, pears, grapes, citrus fruit, bananas)
- Variety, where appropriate (e.g. potatoes- Spunta, citrus- Clementines, grapes- Thompsen, pears- Conference, apples- Red Delicious)
- Name and address of producer or dispatcher
- Weight of products (potatoes, or strawberries packed)
- Place of origin – Cypriot village or area name (compulsory for potatoes)
- Country of Origin - Cyprus





# Photos

## CONTAINER LABEL

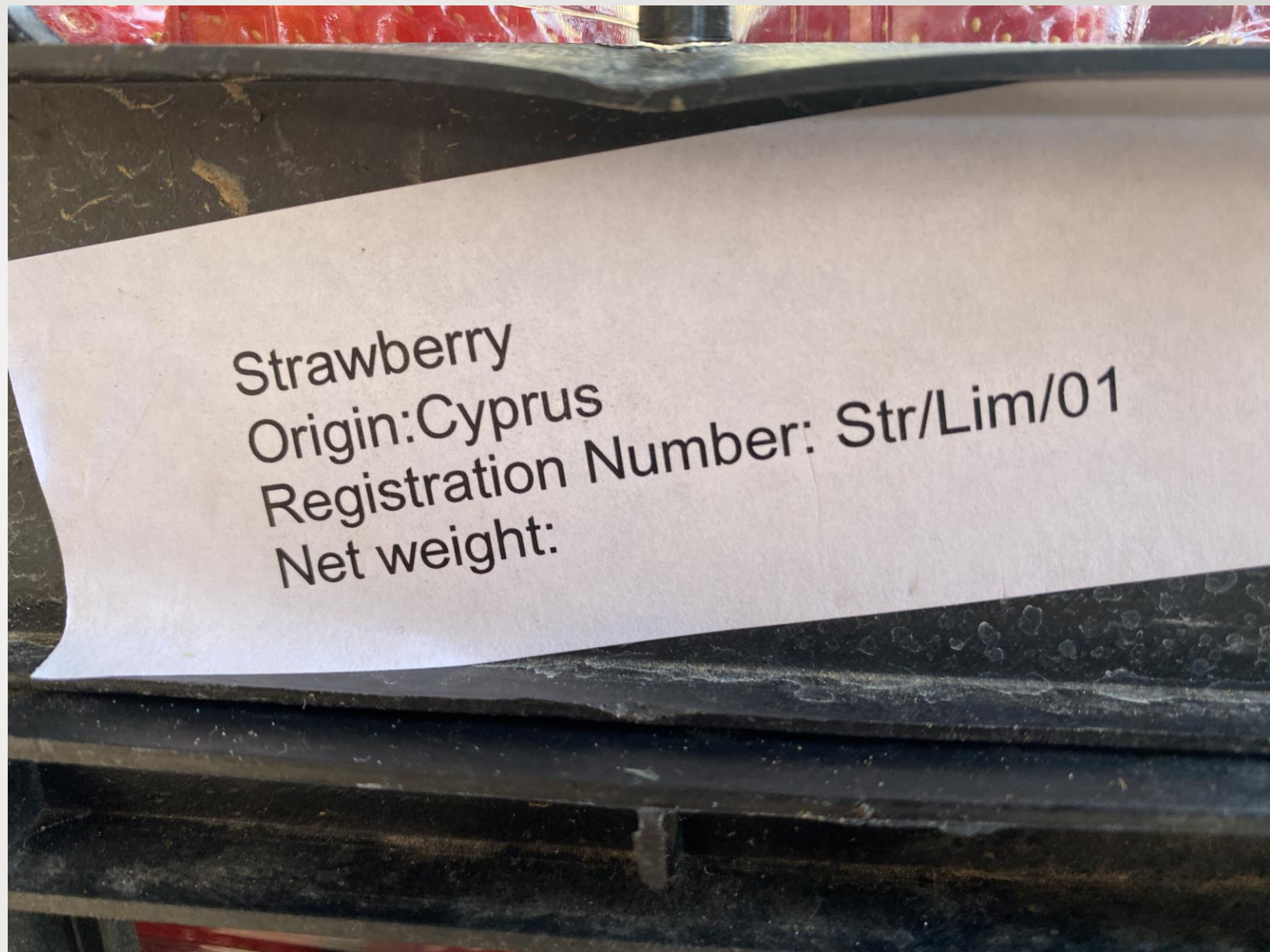
Strawberry

Origin: Cyprus

Registration Number

Net weight: **Missing**

**No Class**



# Photos



Produce of Cyprus

Cherry Tomatoes – must be under 40mm diameter

Producer identity

Missing Producer registration number

Class I

GGN reference not accepted as identity



# Photos

Colocasi

Origin: Cyprus

Class I – **Class I is not necessary for General Marketing Standard Products**

Producer registration number

Net Weight: 12KG





# Photos

NOVA MANDARIN

Origin: Cyprus

Class I

Producer registration number

Net Weight: **Missing**





# Photos

W. MURKOTT MANDARIN

Origin: Cyprus

Class I

Producer registration number

Net Weight: **Missing**

**LABEL NOT FIRMLY  
ATTACHED**



## Controls at Official Crossing Points

- Inspectors of the Department of Agriculture are called by the Customs Department upon arrival of a consignment
  - **Visual inspection of plant products to detect presence of harmful organism**
  - **Confirmation of presence of label**
- Issue of a report.





## Non compliances

- Presence of harmful organism (**consignment is rejected**)
- Lack of information/ incomplete, illegible information on the phytosanitary report (**consignment is rejected**)
- Lack of information/ incomplete, illegible information on Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce document (**consignment is rejected/send back**)
- Lack information on labelling or incomplete/illegible information (**consignment is placed under detention until corrective actions are taken/sent back**)



# Consignments that cross the Official Crossing points may be

- Sold to final consumers (supermarkets, fruit markets or wholesale points)
- Exported to Third Countries
- Traded to other EU Member States



# Export to Third Countries

- Responsible for the load: a legal/physical person in the areas under the effective control of the Republic or Cyprus, must declare responsibility for the consignment
  - Registered in TRACES system and have required access to add information on the consignment
  - Inform the Department of Agriculture of their intention to export consignment
- Plant products must be packed in such a way as to protect the product properly
- Each package must have its own label
- Physical inspection must be carried out prior to export to confirm compliance to marketing standards and phytosanitary requirements
- A phytosanitary certificate is issued (Cost:60€ )
- A conformity certificate is issued (Cost:5€)
- Fees for Quality Control pending of the Volume of the consignment are paid





# Trade to other Member States

- Trader obligations: a legal/physical person in the areas under the effective control of the Republic or Cyprus, must declare their responsibility for the consignment
  - Inform the Department of Agriculture of their intention to trade consignment to another Member State
- Plant products must be packed in such a way as to protect the product properly
- Each package must have its own label
- Physical inspection may be carried out prior to trade to confirm compliance to marketing standards and phytosanitary requirements
- Depending on product a plant passport may be issued by an authorized operator or the Department of Agriculture
- A conformity certificate is issued in case of inspection





**Thank you for your kind attention!**

