



# Hortisales

## Plants for Professionals

### XYLELLA POLICY

Horticultural Sales & Consultancy Ltd are committed to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, in particular to be at the forefront of the industry in defining and setting out existing and new high standards of plant health and biosecurity.

Hortisales will do this by complying with all government regulations set out by DEFRA and any other related legislation. In addition, Hortisales will work with regulatory and advisory authorities and industry peers to respond to potential new hazards as they arise.

In its commitment to excellent standards of plant biosecurity and further to the Company Plant Health Policy, Hortisales has identified the plant disease Xylella as a threat and will be taking the following measures to minimise the risks:

- Education, involvement and commitment in all areas of the business to the risks posed by the disease Xylella fastidiosa.
- Setting out operating procedures regarding Xylella which consider legal obligations, risk assessment and documented work practice.
- Incorporate the following 5 key areas of action as identified by the Horticultural Trades Association as follows:
  - Adherence to the legal responsibility of Plant Passporting on all incoming and outgoing plant stock and excellent record keeping so to achieve complete traceability.
  - All plant suppliers will be vetted and approved, or rejected if sub-standard.
  - We will work with our approved suppliers to ensure as far as we can that all plants are sourced and originate from Xylella free areas.

- Practice high levels of nursery hygiene, maintaining crop inspection, and husbandry records and responsibly disposing of any unused stock.
  - Comply with the national requirement to notify UK Plant Health Service about movement of certain plant species under the `EU Plant and Tree Notification Scheme`.
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- A commitment to continual improvement within the business, as more is known about Xylella.
  - The culture of care for plant health issues will range across all departments of the Hortisales business and be made known to suppliers, customers and specifiers.

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