

KVH “Grow for Own Use” Requirements



Background

From 1 October 2016, only kiwifruit plants certified under the Kiwifruit Plant Certification Scheme (KPCS) may be bought or sold.

Growers will still be able to produce plants for use on the same property beyond this date.

The controls outlined below are only for the movement of plants. The controls do not apply to those growers that purchase KPCS plants from a nursery and plant these at the property the plants are delivered to, or produce their own plants for use on the same property).

Scope

The “[Grow for your own use](#)” option permits growers to produce up to 1000 of their own plants per year, or harden off KPCS certified plants, for movement to their other orchards within the same KVH Biosecurity region. KVH considers the risks associated with the small volume of localised movements between orchards owned by the same grower or entity as low, recognising the high degree of existing connectedness between these properties. This low risk is reduced further with the required controls.

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This protocol sets out the requirements for this plant movement option.

Definition and controls associated with movement of plants

- The same grower (legal entity) must legally own both the properties plants are being moved from, and to.
- A “property” is a KPIN or a continuous land parcel (which may contain multiple amalgamated KPINs).
- A single grower may not move more than 1000 plants per region per year by this means.
- KVH Biosecurity regions are defined on the KVH website (www.kvh.org.nz/maps_regional)
- Movements must be in accordance with KVH movement controls.

Requirements

- The grower must register with KVH on an annual basis and provide to KVH their [KVH Biosecurity Risk Management Plan: Growing Rootstock for your own use](#). This is a simple easy to complete form that demonstrates how you are managing biosecurity risks. By completing this form, you provide KVH, your neighbours and yourself with confidence that you are meeting your minimum biosecurity requirements. These requirements include;
 - documenting plant movements between properties so movements can be traced in the event of a biosecurity incursion;
 - monitoring for pests and diseases, so that if something unusual turns up on one of your orchards you have the best chance of detecting it and not spreading to your other properties.
 - Ensuring any incoming material is as clean as possible to prevent introducing a new pest or pathogen into your operation.
- The grower must follow the movement controls outlined in the [KVH Protocol: Nursery Stock](#)
- KVH will audit a small percentage at random to ensure compliance with these requirements. There will be no cost for these audits, however non-compliance may result in the permission to move plants to be revoked.
- Growers are required to document new plantings in Zespri GAP providing KVH with visibility of which growers are choosing to grow their own plants.

NB: Growers wishing to move plants between orchards are required to submit a new risk management plan each year, prior to moving plants.

Movement of more than 100 plants per year

If a grower wishes to move more than 1000 plants per year, then they will need to meet one of the Kiwifruit Plant Certification Scheme (KPCS) Standards. The KPCS is open to growers and nurseries alike. Growing certified plants will enable those growers and organisations moving a larger number of plants within and between KVH Biosecurity regions to do so while mitigating the associated biosecurity risks.

More information on the KPCS can be found on the KVH website. www.kvh.org.nz/indnurseries