



## British Ornamental Plant Producers (BOPP) Certification Scheme

The BOPP scheme has been designed for use by growers and packers of ornamental horticultural products and by growing media producers. The scheme aims to set high standards of professionalism in the way in which certified businesses operate. UKAS accredited inspectors ensure that these standards are maintained. The ultimate objective is to ensure that customers have complete confidence in both product and service when dealing with BOPP certified suppliers.



The BOPP scheme is a horticultural scheme created by horticultural industry consultants. It is a scheme which has been in existence for over 20 years. It is recognised by key markets and 90% of supermarket suppliers are BOPP accredited, although in Wales there are very few.

The scheme can help in the running of a horticulture business because it ensures compliance and requires awareness of current legislation. It also includes a business improvement audit option.

BOPP has 2 Grower Standards

- The Grower Standard, which is UKAS accredited
- The Continuous Development Standard – for growers that do not require UKAS accreditation but require help and advice to develop their business.

There are separate Ornamental Horticulture Pack House Standards and a Growing Media Producers Standard, both of which are UKAS accredited. Additional certification against LEAF is also available (see further information).

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### Benefits of the BOPP scheme

- Meets customer requirements
- Can be used as a management and marketing tool
- Ensures legal compliance
- Can be used as a means of continuously improving the business.

### For what sectors of horticulture is the BOPP scheme suitable?

- Only suitable for ornamentals, flowers, bulbs, pack houses and compost manufacturers.

### What assurance categories does the BOPP scheme cover?

- Production quality and traceability
- Resource management
- Biodiversity – Environmental Protection
- Staff/strategic issues
- Transport.

### Costs of participation

- Length of audit depends upon size of the business
- Fees dependent on whether half a day, day or two day audit
- One day audit £735
- Pack House audit £395
- Discount opportunities may exist if audit is combined with other inspections such as LEAF.

*Prices stated are correct at time of going to press – please check for current prices in case of changes*

### How to join the BOPP Certification scheme

- New members first become pre-certification members for 12 months, which entitles them access to helplines and advice
- Grower Standards need to produce their own nursery specification
- Application forms and information pack can be requested on the BOPP website.

### Further information

BOPP website [www.bopp.org.uk](http://www.bopp.org.uk)

There is a membership directory and a list of current associated retailers available on the BOPP website.

E-mail: [enquiries@bopp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bopp.org.uk)

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BOPP Growing Media Producers Standard - [www.growingmedia.co.uk](http://www.growingmedia.co.uk) (Information sheet available from Horticulture Wales)

BOPP – The Ornamental Horticulture Packhouse Standard - [www.bopp.org.uk](http://www.bopp.org.uk) (Information sheet available from Horticulture Wales)

LEAF – Linking Environment and Farming [www.leafmarque.com](http://www.leafmarque.com) or [www.leafuk.org](http://www.leafuk.org) Information sheet available from Horticulture Wales

For details of other quality assurance schemes and British standards please contact Horticulture Wales. [www.horticulturewales.co.uk](http://www.horticulturewales.co.uk)

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