



BOPP – Growing Media Producers Standard

British Ornamental Plant Producers (BOPP) produced this standard with the help of the Growing Media Association and the Horticultural Trades Association. The standards provide assurance that growing media manufacturers meet high standards of quality, safety, service and environmental management. UKAS accredited inspectors ensure these standards are maintained.



- The BOPP – Growing Media Producers Standard was introduced in 2007.
- The scheme was developed to meet the specific requirements of the Growing Media Association.
- The Standards is particularly appropriate for factory operated growing media producers who may be sourcing raw material from national and international suppliers.

The Standard is separated into the following main sections

- Process and product control
- Customer consideration
- Strategic Issues.

In addition to the core Standard, annexes have been added to address employment issues and sub-contractor supplier audits.

Additional certification against the LEAF scheme is also available (see further information).

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Benefits of the BOPP – Growing Media Producers Standard scheme

- Helps meet customer & legal requirements
- Specifically appropriate when producers are sourcing raw material from abroad
- Meets the requirements of the Growing Media Producers Association.

For what sectors of horticulture is the BOPP – Growing Media Producers Standard scheme suitable?

- The scheme is suitable for growing media producers for the horticultural industry.

What assurance categories does the BOPP – Growing Media Producers Standard scheme cover?

- Product safety and quality
- Staff training/legislation
- Environmental
- Transport
- Traceability.

Costs of participation

- Depends upon the size of the business
- The cost of a half day audit is £625
- The cost of a full day audit is £1,050
- The cost of a two day audit £,1550
- Discount opportunities may exist if the 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- Growing Media Producers Standard scheme

- New members become pre-certification members for 12 months, which entitles them access to helplines and advice
- Certification inspections take place within 12 months and then there are annual inspection preferably at peak production periods
- Application forms and an information pack can be requested on BOPP website.

Further information

The Growing Media Association

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www.growingmedia.co.uk

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A membership directory and a list of current associated retailers are available on the BOPP website.

www.bopp.org.uk

E-mail: enquiries@bopp.org.uk

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

For details of other quality assurance schemes and British standards please contact Horticulture Wales.

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