

# KVH Information Sheet

## Kiwifruit Plant Certification Scheme Information for Growers



The Kiwifruit Plant Certification Scheme (KPCS) was introduced to reduce the risk of pests and diseases being spread through the kiwifruit nursery trade and the associated impacts, with a long term (20 year +) focus. Its goal is; ***“To enable growers to purchase kiwifruit plants of known plant health status, supporting long term success and future growth of the New Zealand kiwifruit industry”***.

Only certified kiwifruit or shelter plants may be bought or sold, although growers are still able to produce plants for their own use. (see details below).

### Your options for sourcing kiwifruit plants:



1. **KPCS “Full Certification”** –certified plants that meet all the testing requirements for all target organisms. These can be moved between regions in accordance with KVH movement controls.



2. **KPCS “Restricted Certification”** – plants that meet the same standard as above and all testing requirements but may have the common” NZ strain of Psa-V, provided they are free of non-NZ Psa forms and strains resistant to streptomycin or copper. These plants can only be moved to Psa-V positive orchards in accordance with KVH movement controls.

**“Grow for your own use”** – growers may produce their own plants for use on the same property. They may also produce up to 1000 plants a year for movement between their own properties within the same Psa-V region. These plants do not need to meet the requirements of the KPCS but for any plants being moved between properties traceability must be maintained.

### Your options for sourcing kiwifruit shelter plants



Choose either KPCS certified shelter plants or those from a Plant Pass certified nursery to ensure that the requirements of the Pathway Management Plan have been met.

## Further background

The benefits the kiwifruit industry is seeking to achieve through the KPCS include:

- Minimising the risk that any new to New Zealand high risk pests or diseases (including new strains of Psa-V) are rapidly spread, to give the best chance of successful response with least possible impacts;
- Minimising spread of specified established diseases, including Psa-V, between kiwifruit growing regions;
- Increasing the prospects of successful vine establishment in a Psa-V environment (i.e. by starting with healthy plants of known pest and disease status);
- Allowing efficient movement of cultivars throughout New Zealand;
- Recognising nurseries operating to professional standards; and
- Reducing nursery business risk and uncertainty, by providing a clear and enduring framework on which business decisions can be based.

The Kiwifruit Plant Certification Scheme is open to growers and nurseries alike. For some growers and organisations that move a large number of plants within and between kiwifruit growing regions, meeting the KPCS Standard will enable these movements to continue and mitigate the associated biosecurity risks. More

information on the KPCS can be found on the KVH website, we recommend you start with the Kiwifruit Plant Certification Scheme- Overview paper. [www.kvh.org.nz/indnurseries](http://www.kvh.org.nz/indnurseries) .