

## Phytosanitary Declaration

All Klasmann substrates for professional horticulture are based on oligotrophic sphagnum peat moss extracted from peat fields that have not been used for agricultural purpose.

All peat raw materials and additives are regularly controlled by independent laboratories and institutes on plant pathogenic germs, human pathogenic germs and nematodes. Substrate samples are controlled, as a phytosanitary certificate is necessary for the export to certain countries. Moreover, Klasmann-Deilmann is member of the Dutch R.H.P.-foundation setting the rules for raw materials, additives and final products.

At regular intervals, peat fields are inspected by ECAS (European Certification body for the Agricultural Sector) and all peat raw materials and additives are produced in line with the R.H.P.-requirements. Furthermore, the production is certified by ECAS.

Based on regular external and internal controls, Klasmann-Deilmann is able to declare that Klasmann substrates are free from plant pathogenic spores and germs, i. e. also free from soil based diseases like Rhizoctonia, Pythium, Phytophthora, Thielaviopsis and Fusarium species or plant pathogenic nematodes and human pathogens. This is regularly controlled by independent institutes, for instance the Landwirtschaftskammer Weser-Ems (DE) (governmental laboratory in Oldenburg) as well as the private laboratory Groen Agro Control, Delft (NL).

Moreover, Klasmann substrates can be declared as almost free from weeds according to the R.H.P.-requirements.

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