

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
PESTICIDE AND PLANT PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
REGULATION NO. 618. DAHLIAS

(By authority of section 22 of Act No. 189 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, being S286.222 of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

R 285.618.1 Dahlia inspection and certification.

Rule 1. (1) A dahlia grower desiring inspection and certification of dahlia tubers must make written application for inspection by July 1 of the year in which the inspection services are to be performed.

(2) The applicant shall agree to pay for the services rendered at the following rate: \$2.00 per acre or fraction thereof for each inspection, the fee for the first inspection in any 1 season to total not less than \$5.00.

(3) Dahlia tubers shall be considered eligible for inspection and certification provided the tubers are:

(a) Grown in plantings that are well cultivated and maintained essentially free of weeds and grasses and are otherwise in a condition that will permit satisfactory inspection.

(b) Identified as to variety in the field either by name stakes or similar device or by a planting chart made available to the inspector at the time of field inspection.

(4) Inspection standards:

(a) One or more inspections annually shall be made at the discretion of the agency.

(b) Plants submitted for inspection and certification must be reasonably isolated from dahlia plantings not submitted or those containing stock varieties condemned the previous year.

(c) Stock varieties condemned in previous seasons may be submitted for certification if segregated and providing measures have been taken to eliminate the diseased or otherwise undesirable tubers a year, a variety having 10% or more of the plants exhibiting symptoms of systemic diseases will be ineligible for certification.

(e) A variety having more than 5% but less than 10% of the plants infected with systemic diseases at the time of the initial field inspection each year shall be restricted from certification and the grower given an opportunity to rogue the plants exhibiting such symptoms and to resubmit the variety for a second field inspection, the results of which shall be final.

(f) On any inspection, inspectors will not rogue varieties having more than 5% of the plants showing typical, recognizable symptoms of systemic diseases.

(g) Only those varieties apparently free of systemic diseases after inspection and roguing will be certified.

(5) The inspection certificate issued must be used only in conjunction with the sale, offering for sale, distribution, or shipment of dahlia tubers that have been inspected and approved in accordance with the provisions of this rule.

History: 1979 AC.