



COLOUR CODES

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1. ASSIGNMENT OF COLOUR CODES

- 1.1 Colour codes are assigned by the DPA to ensure identification of different varieties in nurseries to prevent possible mixing.
- 1.2 Colour codes consist of a singular or multiple combinations of the following colours:

Priority	Colour
1	Blue
2	Yellow
3	Green
4	Orange
5	Purple
6	Pink
7	Red
8	Black
9	White

- 1.3 Combinations of different colours are allocated by the DPA subject to the following requirements:
- 1.3.1 colours within a combination are allocated according to the order of priority from 1 to 9, as described in paragraph 1.2;
- 1.3.2 colour codes are assigned in such a way that the reverse combination does not apply, that is, a combination of blue / yellow can exist, but never one of yellow / blue;
- 1.3.3 Each fruit type has its own master list. The same colour code can, therefore, occur with more than one fruit type. However, in the case of peaches and nectarines, only one list exists.
- 1.4 Before a colour code is assigned to a variety, it must meet the following requirements:

- 1.4.1 the relevant variety must be planted in a Foundation and/or Mother block;
- 1.4.2 a nucleus plant, numbered either with an I-, P- or PIO- number must be established;
- 1.4.3 a clone number must be allocated with either candidate or registered status; and
- 1.4.4 the variety must be listed on the Official Varietal list.
- 1.5 Only one colour code is assigned to each variety on the Official Varietal list, except in the case of the following apple varieties, Golden Delicious and Royal Gala, where colour codes are allocated to the different clones.
- 1.6 In cases where a variety is not yet on the Official Varietal list, it is the responsibility of the relevant PIO to allocate a colour code to the variety, on the condition that the code starts with a grey colour (mix one part white paint and one part black paint), to distinguish it from the varieties on the Official Varietal list.
- 1.7 Colour codes are annually revised, and all requests from PIOs for additions or amendments must reach the DPA before **31 January**.
- 1.8 If overlapping occurs, the case must be presented to the Technical Committee to be resolved.
- 1.9 The list of colour codes for the new season must be made available to all PIOs and nurseries before **1 March**.