

## PROCEDURE PRODUCT REGISTRATION FLORICODE

#### 1. Preface

This document describes Floricode's procedures for the registration of floricultural products. In the appendix you'll find the user guide how to apply for a product registration online via our website. The actual rates for these services are available on our website.

#### 2. Name check

If you want to award your product with a variety name and/or a trade designation you can do a name check yourself at several websites on the internet: www.plantscope.nl https://cpvoextranet.cpvo.europa.eu/mypvr/#!/publicsearch https://nederlandsrassenregister.nl/advanced-search.aspx https://www.boip.int/nl/merkenregister#/advanced-search

Thus you can learn if you are allowed to use the intended product name. This may prevent problems with other breeders. You can also approach Floricode for a name check, previous to your registration. For this service, called "Naamsvoortoetsing" Floricode will charge a small fee per name.

#### Change of a product name

When a name, after the product registration at Floricode, has to be changed because the registered name does not correspond with the (proposed) denomination at PBR, the cost of a name change will be charged. This rule also applies when random changes of trade designations are made.

#### 3. Registration

Before you can start making use of these services you need to undersign an agreement with Floricode, which enables you to enter the digital application system. The application form can be found on our website (menu: Floricode/application forms). Without an undersigned agreement product registration and product coding is not possible.

Please follow the procedures below strictly; otherwise a delay can occur and the product registration may be suspended.

#### 3.1 Registration form (see also the user guide)

The registration form can be filled in via the Floricode website <u>www.floricode.com</u>. The form has to be filled in **completely**. This information includes the full name and a description of your product, breeder's right details etc. To prevent more growers registering the same product, Floricode prefers registration by the breeder or owner of the product. This also guarantees a registration with the correct variety denomination or trade designation and the most complete information as possible about the product for registration in our system.

**Please note:** <u>Product name</u>: genus name, species name, cultivar name and denomination. The <u>Trade designation</u> is the name of the product used in the systems of growers, auctions and traders.

#### 3.2 Plant material

#### Registration cannot take place without plant material!

You will have to present at least 3 plants (home and garden plants) or 3 branches of flowers (cut flowers) of EXHIBITION QUALITY to Floricode. This means an eminent product which can be photographed properly immediately. The product also needs to be in a sufficiently ripe stage, which enables Floricode to define the correct characteristics. Please note that documentation and coding of **a mixture of a product** only is allowed after registering 3 cultivars of the mixture. When registering more than 10 products at a time, please inform the assistant beforehand.

#### 3.3 Moments of registration

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 8.30 hrs and 16.00 hrs products for registration can be delivered at Floricode. Delivery of lilies preferably on Mondays as it takes some time for the flower buds to open. Thus photography before the weekend is possible.

#### 4. Product image

Of each product one or more standardised images are made for identification of the product. This taxonomic image is sent by e-mail to the applicant for judgment. Should the position of the product on the image not be satisfactory (angle of photography, position of the plant or flower) than disapproval is possible. Thus NOT on basis of quality of the entered product or the colour on your computer screen. For approval and disapproval the applicant needs to react within a fortnight for completion of the registration procedure.

Images on which the quality of the product is disappointing after all, are filed for the time being and are **also used** until the moment of delivery of new material. This may cost an extra fee for making new images. If disapproval is stated on basis of the position on the image, new material needs to be photographed, for which the week of delivery has to be fixed with Floricode. Until that time the image can be used for presentations, e.g. Plantscope. This image can be replaced by a new image. When there is no reaction after a year, the image is approved of after all based on the taxonomic characteristics of the product.

#### 5. Publication

All products registered at Floricode will be published on the Internet website of Plantscope and the app FloriBook (for free). Postponement of publication on Plantscope by one year is possible. This can be stated on the registration form.

One of the taxonomic images can be used for the trade in **digital offers**, auctioning and in web shops.

#### 6. Release of the product code

As soon as the product is registered the product code is released. Applicant will receive an e-mail with this code and date of activation. The product code will be inactivated if the terms of payment are not complied with.

#### 6.1 How to obtain a product code

A product code can only be obtained when the product is registered at Floricode.

Arboriculture products which have an product code from Stichting VARB, are considered as registered only if the procedure above is completed. Then this product code is activated in our system. A code application automatically follows the registration procedure. In the registration form the option "no code needed" can be chosen.

#### 6.2 Reactivate a product code

If a code is deactivated less than 5 years it is regarded as recent and the code will be activated again.

If a code is deactivated for a period longer than 5 years, the product needs to be assessed again and the image and product description updated by a new delivered product sample.

#### 7. Rates

The actual rates for product registration and coding of floricultural products can be found on our website. For some situations a specific rate applies e.g. 'change of product name'.

#### 8. Further information

Do you have any further question about the application of product registration and codering please contact us by e-mail or phone:

- Telephone: 0031-(0)71 305 15 71
- E-mail: productcodering@floricode.com

### **USER GUIDE to DIGITAL REGISTRATION**

It is possible to register your products digitally at Floricode. You may approach this program through <u>www.floricode.com</u>. You choose "Registration" under the large image (see example below).



# Digital collaboration

Dutch floriculture is one of the leading sectors in the Dutch economy. The sector has expressed the goal of being number one in the field of information management in the horticultural supply chains in Europe by 2015 and in the world by 2020. This will require a goal-oriented, competent organisation like Floricode: a central point of support to which the supply chain can turn for the registrations, standards and codes it needs for its information management.

# The latest news

Via the button "Registration" you enter the login screen.

Registration Product Codes Company Codes Location Codes Projects

Enter a registration			Log in			
Floricode.com						
	Welcome to the digital registration	on of Floricode				
	If you do not have an account for the service registration/product coding of Floricode, please fill in the APPLICATION FORM for this					
	service and send this to Floricod	e.				
	Username	Password				
		LOG IN				
		FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?				
		CHANGE PASSWORD?				

This login is being considered as a digital signature for registration. Should you not have a login ID, please register via APPLICATION FORM. Please choose the "Application form registration and product coding (ENG)".

# **Application forms**

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# Application form for the service of Registration/Product Coding



These data will be registered in the Floricode CRM system

Applying company					
Company name:					
Contact: Position:					
Address:					
Postal code / City / Country:					
Telephone number:	Telefax:				
Cell number:	E-mail a	address:			
Digital invoice: Yes No E-mail a	ddress for the electronic inv	voice:			
Floricode services					
The applying company wishes to enter in this purpose to receive an access accourt	to an agreement regarding t for the Floricode registrati	use of the following registration services and for ion website.			
Contact	Function / Product group	E-mail address			
1					
2					
3					
4					
Signing					
<ul> <li>Signee declares: <ul> <li>to be a legal representative of the applying company,</li> <li>to authorize Floricode for the term of the agreement to automatically debit the due amount for these services from the bank account number mentioned underneath.</li> <li>to have taken note of the General Terms and Conditions of Floricode, for these purposes consisting of General Stipulations and Specific Stipulations pertaining to 'Registration/Product Coding', as published on and downloadable from www.floricode.com and to accept that these apply to the (execution of the) agreement. At the request of the applicant, these General Terms will be sent to the applicant free of charge, by e-mail or other habitual method.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
Signed by:					
Chamber of Commerce Number:					
VAT number:					
IBAN-number:					
Bank Identification (BIC):					
Place / Date:					
Signature:					

#### Send this form to Floricode, PO Box 115, 2370 AC ROELOFARENDSVEEN, The Netherlands; fax: + 31 71- 305 15 77 or e-mail: productcodering@floricode.com

Fill in the form and send it back to Floricode. In return you will receive an e-mail with your log in. You can use the same user name and password to visit the website Plantscope. After logging in to the digital registration form, you will notice that these four steps have to be taken.

**Step 1**: If Floricode is familiar with your address information, this will be stated. Check this and inform us of any changes (you may also do this yourself).

Breeder information: If this is the same person, then the address information may be copied. Any other breeder's address may be filled in here.

At Step 1 you can indicate whether the breeder does (or does not) agree with registration, or whether and why this is unknown (e.g. it may concern a botanical crop which has not been bred, or a very old variety of which the breeder passed away long ago).

Enter a registration Address data		Step 1 of 4
X		
Applicant Company name:		
Address:	Citra	
Country: Telephone: email address:		
Emailaddress for image approval		
Please contact Floricode if you find	the information above to be incorrect. Phone number ++31 71 - 3051	571
Breeder Copy senders data if he is the breed Company name:	<u>der too</u>	
Contact: Address:		
Postal code: Country: Telephone:	City:	
email address:		
Breeder agrees with registration Breeder does not agree with reg Verification of breeders consent	is not possible	
		<u>NEXT</u>

**Step 2**: this page is for the information about the name of the product you like to register: for finding the genus name you may also use LIST. If the product also has a species name, this may also be entered or be looked up via LIST. When registering orchids the Grex name may be entered. Of genuses with a cultivar group like Tulipa, Chrysanthemum and Lilium this may also be entered.

When registering a variety, this name may be filled in also. Under 'full product name' you will then see the official identifying name of the product.

Should you use another name for this product in the trade market, then you answer this question with a NO, and a section for the trade name/mark<sup>™</sup> becomes visible.

Enter a i	registration Product data		Step 2 o	f 4
	CODE.COM DARDS IN FLORICULTURE			
Bota	anical genus:	LIST	Full product name	
Bota	anical species:	LIST		
Gree	v.	<u>LIST</u>	Is the trade designation identical to the product name?	
Cult	ivar-group:	LIST	○ Yes ○ No	
Cult	ivar/variety: '	1		
Cuit	ival/vallety.			
Mode	e of origin:		Select	
Hide	product for 1 year on PlantScope?		O No read procedure	
			O Yes	
Plant	tmaterial expected to be deliverd a	t Floricode around:	(DD-MM-YYYY)	
(Plar	otmaterial can be delivered on mon	day, tuesday and y	wednesday between 8.30 and 16.00)	
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Spec	ial product characteristics:			
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Prod	uct not to be confused up with:			
Diffe	rs from the product to be registered	d in	A	
5			$\bigcirc$	
Hast	the product been registered elsewh	nere, or have there	been publications? OYes  No	
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You may also mention the date Floricode can expect the delivery.

You may also indicate the origin and whether the product may be published.

For registration and trade it is important to know which characteristics belong to the product involved and whether there are products with which your product could be confused. Auctions may take this into account when introducing your product.

Further it is important to know whether your product has already been registered or shown elsewhere.

If you want to register a mix of a number of varieties within one genus with a certain trade name/ mark<sup>™</sup>, please enter the genus and answer NO at the question whether the identifying product name is the same as the trade name. You will then see the remark that this registration does not mean an actual registration of a variety, but that a documentation of an existing mixture can be entered in the system.

Enter a registration Pro	oduct data		Step 2 of 4
FIORICODE.COM WORLD STANDARDS IN FLORICULTURE			
Detected server Data i	-	Full product name	
Botanical genus: Petunia	a <u>LIST</u>		
Botanical species:		Is the trade designation identical to the product nan	ne?
Grex:	LICT	O Yes  No	
Cultivar-group.	<u>LIDI</u>		
Mode of origin: Hide product for 1 year or Plantmaterial expected to (Plantmaterial can be deliv Special product characteri	PlantScope? be deliverd a vered on mon istics:	gina e DOCUMENTING a NON-identifiable product (for example a e)! OK	×
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Product not to be confuse	d up with:		
Differs from the product to	o be registered in:	0	
Has the product been regi	stered elsewhere, or have there	e been publications? 🔾 Yes	
ВАСК			NEXT

**Stap 3:** this is the page for supply information for trade with the possibility to tick the required code for supply. The form only can indicate one supply form.

For arboricultural crops a new field opens. Certain conditions or characteristics of the product involved may be important for trade or consumer. Here you are free to indicate this via a questionnaire.

Breeders' rights: you may indicate whether you have applied for breeders' rights in a certain country and whether this has been granted. The countries can be chosen via a pop-up. Also an indication can be given whether this concerns breeder's rights for the whole of Europe and if so, whether this has been granted already.

N.B. For Dutch and European breeders rights the notation of the file number is given in parentheses as an example.

Enter a registration Product data (continued)					Step 3 of 4
FIORICOC	JE.COM In Floriculture				
Supply Dutch	flower auction				
Type of product:	<ul> <li>cut flower</li> <li>flowering houseplant</li> <li>bedding plant</li> <li>shrub</li> <li>water / bog plant</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>decorative</li> <li>foliage hou</li> <li>tub plant</li> <li>tree</li> <li>climber</li> </ul>	material Iseplant	<ul> <li>berry/fruit plant</li> <li>perennial</li> <li>conifer</li> <li>fruit</li> </ul>	
Plant Breeders Has PBR been ap O Yes No	s' <b>Rights (Netherlands / ot</b> plied for in the Netherlands / oth	<b>her country)</b> er country	PBR granted in th O Yes No	e Netherlands or other country?	
Plant Breeder: Has PBR been ap O Yes O No	s Rights (Europe) / Comm plied for in Europe?	unity Plant V	Cariety Office (C Has PBR been gra ○Yes ●No	PVO), Angers (F) anted for Europe?	
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## Example for arboricultural crops:

Enter a registration Product data (continued) Step 3 of 4 Floricode.com						
Supply Dutch flower auction         Type of product:       Out flower         Operative flowering houseplant       Operative material         Operative flowering houseplant       Operative flowering houseplant         Operative flowering houseplant       Operative flowe						
Flowering mo	onths ^	Winter hardner Excellent (USDA-zone Good (USDA-zone 5, 6 Reasonable (USDA-zon Limited (USDA-zone 8) Not hardy (USDA-zone	55 1,2,3,4) ) le 7) e 9,10,11)	Plant height 0 - 5 cm 5 - 10 cm 10 - 20 cm 20 - 30		

**Stap 4:** besides the digital signature given through your login information, step 4 is the actual signature for this registration. After acceptance of the delivery conditions you can send the form, of which a confirmation will be returned.

Enter a registration Confirm and submit	Step 4 of 4
Floricode.com	
WORLD STANDARDS IN FLORICULTURE	
With the signing of this form you request both a registration both and a product code. If you do not request a product code, you can specify this below:	
Completed correctly and truthfully	
Name:	
Date:	
I agree to the <u>supply conditions</u>	
SEND	
BACK	

For registration of another product a new form can be opened. If the data of the second product are almost equal to the first you can copy that form.

For your own administration a print-out can be made.



Your form is now in the Floricode 'waiting room'. At the moment the sample with the product is received at the office the further registration will start. After handling and check it will be loaded into Plantscope with eventual corrections and additions, together with an image and description of the product.

After the registration Floricode sends an e-mail with the product code.

After some time Floricode will send you an e-mail for approval of the image. You also will receive an e-mail with the HR image.

Example of the return e-mail with product code



Registrationform

Sotaweg 21(Var.Center) 2371 GA Roelofarendsveen

Telephone:+31 71 305 15 71 Telefax:+31 71 305 15 77

Aanvraag nieuwe VBN-code heeft betrekking op: Taxo- Omschrijving

nummer 272284- Chamelaucium megalopetalum 'ZFM200605' SEXY GEM 
 Gebr. Toel.
 Versch. Rhs-code
 Uitgegeven

 Wijze Suffix vorm
 VBN-code

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