



## GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PLANTING HISHTIL SEEDLINGS

### Soil Preparation

- In the windy season or in windy areas consider planting a wind break to avoid damage and breakage
- Ensure that the soil is well drained, aerated and loose to a depth of 60 cm
- Ensure the land area is cleared of weeds
- If you are using plastic mulch ensure that it is tight on the ridge to avoid mechanical damage
- Ensure the holes in the mulch are big enough
- Ensure that the stems of the seedlings do not make contact with the mulch as this may cause burn

### Receiving and planting

- Identify and separate the different varieties as per the tray markings - make sure they match the delivery note
- When planting multiple varieties ensure areas are prepared and well marked before planting
- Should you be receiving trials with your planting ensure that they are clearly marked in order to follow up easier
- Contact Hishtil SA immediately should you find any mismatches between seedlings and documents
- Please contact us should you require any extra seedlings

### Actual planting

- Ensure the plugs are well watered before planting
- Never plant into dry medium
- It is very important to prepare suitable planting holes before hand
- When planting ensure to carefully squeeze out air pockets around the roots. Check planting teams to ensure no J-rooting occurs
- Supervise new and inexperienced workers closely to prevent planting damage
- Avoid placing the trays on the soil when planting
- Ensure that the correct planting depth is maintained. The soil should not be placed over the stem but should instead only cover the plug medium
- The seedlings arrive with a standard application of fertilizer and insecticide. Please contact us should you need information regarding this

### Importance of Information and Identification

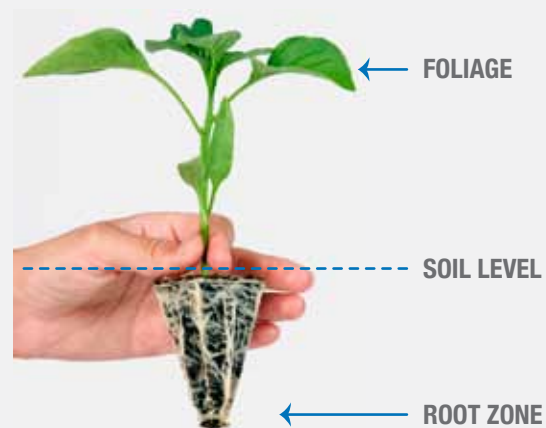
- Each cage and single tray box is marked with the customer name as well as variety
- Ensure that the driver gives you a copy of the delivery note and that you keep a copy for later reference
- Pay attention to single trays and single tray boxes that might contain trails and extra plants

### Storing seedlings if necessary

- Immediately after receiving the plants open the plastic wrapping and remove the trays from the cages
- Keep the trays in a well ventilated shady area away from the production area
- Water the seedlings once per day
- Co-ordinate the delivery as close as possible to the actual planting date to avoid unnecessary storage of plants

### Trays and cages post-planting

- Collect all the trays after planting and replace them neatly in the cages
- Organise the cages at the off load point for collection
- Do not spray herbicide near the trays to avoid residue
- The trays and cages remain the property of Hishtil SA - please take care of them as any damages will be recovered



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