



Procedure taking storage samples of slabs of mineral wool

RHP certified substrates establish an optimal start of the culture. RHP Horticulture increases the certainty that the substrate meets the quality norms set for the substrate in question. The RHP quality mark offers more certainty that the substrate is pure and clean and that it can be used safely without risks for the culture. In case a problem does arise, the RHP quality mark requires that there are storage samples available. For this attention is also required of the user of substrate slabs of mineral wool with the RHP quality mark.

Importance of a storage sample (counter sample)

What is a storage sample?

A storage sample (also called counter sample) is a sample that is representative of a complete packaged unit of an end product consignment. (In this attachment: slabs of mineral wool)

Why is a storage sample important?

In case of problems and/or complaints it is important that there is unused material available that has the same properties as the material that is used in culture. Based on this unused product research can be done.

Producers of mineral wool don't store samples of slabs themselves

Because of the volume of the product and the limited storage capacity, the producer does not store samples of the slabs. Growers need to take their own sample of the consignment during delivery or implementation of the slabs and store them themselves.

How to take a storage sample?

- ✓ Randomly take a minimum of 12 slabs including cover from the delivered consignment. Do not damage the slabs.
- ✓ Store the slabs as follows:
 - ✓ dark
 - ✓ no straining (make sure they are not under pressure or are being deformed)
 - ✓ dry
 - ✓ free of dust
 - ✓ temperature 0 - 30 °C
 - ✓ during the entire culture season
- ✓ Store slabs in plastic foil or bag or a box of inert material, in such a way that the slabs are not being affected by the packing material