

STEPS TO FOLLOW ON CIRAD® SEED RECEPTION

Thank you for your purchase of CIRAD® seeds. These seeds will bring you the best possible yield in plantation, thanks to their excellent genetic potential and their adaptability to your climatic and phytosanitary conditions

Despite all the care we take to prepare the seeds and the quality of the packaging, it is possible that transport has caused them some damage, especially if they were submitted to low temperatures, in spite of the strict instructions given to the freight agents.

In order to ensure your planting program can take place we systematically add a FREE SAFETY BATCH OF SEEDS.

However, to protect our mutual interests, limit the eventual losses and always improve our processes, we ask you to follow the recommendations below, and immediately inform Palmelit of any problems to the seeds at the moment of the international flight arrival. The claim procedure is described in the 6th article of Palmelit's general conditions of sale (GCS) for CIRAD® oil palm seeds available on our website www.palmelit.com

If the flight is delayed compared to the date indicated in the release letter or if there is some damage, the Client must systematically mention its reservations on the airway bill and procure a damage assessment statement from the transporter.

1/ Please check the recording thermometer in box N° 1

If temperature appears to have fluctuated below 5°C or above 35°C, please contact PalmElit immediately and send them back the copy of t° recording by email.

2/ In case of physical damage or apparent humidity to the boxes, please take photos and send them to PalmElit.

3/ Counting report

In all cases, at each seed batch reception, please note down the batch reference (AF XX-XX), date of flight arrival and the date of sowing of the seeds, and check and count carefully the seeds. If need be, count separately the damaged seeds (broken or no germs) or others, note down their box number. If the quantity of damaged seeds exceed the free safety batch this report must be sent to PALMELIT within 10 days of arrival at international airport.

4/ Sowing & conservation. The seeds should be planted within 10 days of arrival to international airport. If you were not able to sow them immediately, make sure they are stored in their boxes and sealed bags, at ambient temperature of 20-25°C, in the shade. Check that the seed bags walls are slightly moist. If needed, spray lightly some clean water and seal again the bags carefully.

5/ Organizing the sowing of CIRAD® seeds. It must be made preferably by separating the seeds by variety and CIRAD code, as indicated in the list hereafter. It will enable to keep the nursery and the plantation extremely homogeneous and thus to facilitate its exploitation.

6/ Emerging rate in prenursery. It is conditioned by the quality of the substrate, of the management and of the site and thus we can't predict or guarantee its success. Nevertheless we usually experience an emergence rate > 95%.

7/ Elimination in prenursery and nursery. In order to optimize the yield of your plantation, you must select the plants in the prenursery and in the nursery eliminating the abnormal. In prenursery culling should be between 10 and 15% and for the nursery phase it should be between 10 and 15%.

Culling is very important for the future of your plantation and must be done with the greatest care.

For more precisions about prenursery and nursery management you may refer to PalmElit booklet "*Cirad @germinated oil palm seeds - Recommendations for prenursery and nursery management*" available on our website www.palmelit.com, or contact us.