



## Why choose the HortiQ certificate?

Innovations related to energy, heat storage, robotics and climate technology are moving at a tremendous pace. In view of this, plus the high level of investment involved, a more transparent quality system is indispensable. Investors in a new greenhouse or technical system require assurances that they have been designed and constructed in line with objective standards.

HortiQ provides these assurances by defining clear procedures and criteria with which HortiQ-certified companies must comply while building a greenhouse and installing the equipment.

## HortiQ Partners

The HortiQ quality system is supported by key organisations in the market, such as:

- ▶ The Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality
- ▶ AVAG, the association for the Dutch greenhouse construction and technology sector
- ▶ Interpolis / Hagelunie
- ▶ OVTO (Dutch Organisation of Horticultural Advisors and Researchers)
- ▶ Rabobank
- ▶ ABN AMRO

Alongside knowledge institutes such as TNO and companies in the greenhouse industry, these partners have actively contributed to the development of the HortiQ quality system.

## HortiQ

GREENHOUSE  
TECHNOLOGY  
CERTIFICATION

## "The HortiQ certificate provides certainty"

By assessing the construction process and agreeing on possible preventive measures right at the start of the process, working with a HortiQ-certified greenhouse supplier offers added value. This leads to greater peace of mind, less chance of losses due to delays in production, and lower operational costs for the grower.

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# Two assessment guidelines



## HortiQ – Process & Product (BRL 8000)

The Process & Product (BRL 8000) certificate guarantees the quality of both the process and the end product. There are three separate quality guidelines: for the design and construction of greenhouse structures, for greenhouse heating and for irrigation systems.



## HortiQ – Quality System (BRL 8001)

The Quality System (BRL 8001) certificate guarantees the company's general quality policy. This mark of quality applies to companies that provide technical equipment, systems and services to the greenhouse crop production sector for use in transport, CO2, control, heating and irrigation applications.



## What is HortiQ?

If a greenhouse or greenhouse equipment is HortiQ certified, you are assured of high quality. The HortiQ certificate is a recognised independent quality standard.

The certificate is proof of craftsmanship and guarantees that the supplier works in accordance with clear procedures and criteria when designing and constructing a high-tech greenhouse or associated equipment.

## Transparent quality

Dutch greenhouse manufacturers, equipment specialists and other suppliers work to high standards of quality and are continuously innovating in the areas of quality, productivity and efficiency. This results in top-class greenhouses and production systems that are in high demand worldwide.

Greenhouses are rapidly advancing at a global level, in terms of both size and system complexity. Developments related to energy, heat storage, robotics and climate technology are creating the need for a more transparent quality system. HortiQ provides a guarantee that a new greenhouse and its systems have been designed and built in line with objective standards.

## Independent quality system

The HortiQ quality system is intended for greenhouse manufacturers, installation companies and other suppliers within the horticultural sector. The system has been set up in collaboration with experienced and specialised partners. Knowledge institutes, consultancy firms, insurance companies and of course companies from within the industry itself have all contributed technical knowledge.

The quality guidelines have been drawn up in conjunction with the knowledge institute ISSO. Certified company are assessed by an independent certifying body in accordance with official assessment guidelines (BRLs).

The HortiQ certificate is only issued if the certifying body reaches a positive conclusion. This approach guarantees the objectivity of the quality system. The HortiQ certificate is valid for a three-year period, during which time the independent certifying body conducts an annual interim audit of the certificate holder.

### If a greenhouse is built by a HortiQ-certified company, you can be certain that:

- ▶ The greenhouse meets the agreed criteria in terms of construction, light levels, energy consumption and water supply.
- ▶ The processes involved in the design and delivery of the greenhouse and the technical equipment are transparent.
- ▶ Verifiable standards have been defined which must be met by the greenhouse and the technical equipment.
- ▶ Clear procedures have been agreed and followed.

