

REFERENCE MATERIALS

The following list of reference books may be helpful to candidates intending to take training and the examination for the FACTS Certificate. Candidates are not expected to obtain all of the publications listed, many may already be held in company's own libraries. Having access to the publications will be sufficient. They are in any event only required for reference material unless marked * when they are essential tools.

SOIL / FERTILISER REFERENCES

The following list of reference books may be helpful to candidates:

Media and mixes for container grown plants - A C Bunt (Springer, available at <http://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-94-011-7904-1> or www.amazon.co.uk)

Growing media for ornamental plants and turf - K Handreck and N Black (UNSW Press, available at www.amazon.co.uk).

Growing Media - Neil Bragg (Grower Books, Nexus Media Ltd, available at www.amazon.co.uk)

England Peat Action Plan
(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1010786/england-peat-action-plan.pdf).

Diagnosis of Mineral Disorders in Plants – Vol 1: Principles – C Bould, E J Hewitt, P Needham MAFF/ARC HMSO (copies usually available at www.amazon.co.uk)

* Protecting our Water, Soil and Air, Code of Good Agricultural Practice (or equivalent for Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland) English version in PDF from Defra (www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-our-water-soil-and-air) or, for Scotland www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/Agriculture/Environment/PEPFAA/Intro

Water, media and nutrition for glasshouse crops - David Reed (Ball Publishing, copies available at www.amazon.co.uk)

Soil Texture – converting sand, silt and clay percentages to texture
www.landis.org.uk/services/tools.cfm

AHDB Nutrient Management Guide (RB209) (available at www.ahdb.org.uk/rb209)

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.agindustries.org.uk

www.aglime.org.uk

www.basis-reg.co.uk

www.gov.uk

www.fertiliser-society.org

www.leafuk.org

www.pda.org.uk

www.scotland.gov.uk

www.sepa.org.uk

www.daera-ni.gov.uk

REGULATIONS

Candidates must be aware of the regulations but are not expected to be authoritative.

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1994, SI No 1657
(www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg136.pdf)

Dangerous Substances (Notification and Marking of Sites) Regulations 1990, SI No 304
(www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsr29.htm)

The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations, 2009 SI No 1348 (www.hse.gov.uk/cdg/regs.htm)

The Fertilisers Regulations 1991, as amended, SI No 2197 (www.legislation.gov.uk).

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