Stock spot check (monthly)

100% stock check (twice yearly)

Locate items to be counted

Make sure no order preparation is pending. If necessary, update the stock reports with latest stock movements.

Record a physical count on the stock take sheet (theoretical stock should not be included).

Brief counters on their role and allocate counting responsibilities.

Mark all counted boxes (colour code or datestamp).

Distribute counting sheets. Theoretical stock should not be visible on the stock take sheet, and blank lines should be added to record additional items if needed

Reconcile physical count with stock cards, highlighting and investigating discrepancies (use GRNs, donation certificates, waybills and stock requests in archive).

Make sure counters open every box they have been asked to count, unless a box's content has been counted during a stock spot check.

Fill out a stock spot check report and submit to the warehouse manager and stock owner. Make sure all counting sheets are handed to the warehouse manager and signed off by counters.