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Forty-Second Session
Geneva, April 3 to 5, 2006

REPORT ON THE CONCLUSIONS

adopted by the Technical Committee

Opening of the Session

1. The Technical Committee (TC) held its forty-second session in Geneva from April 3 to 5, 2006. The list of participants is reproduced in Annex I to this report.
2. The session was opened by Mrs. Julia Borys (Poland), Chairman of the TC, who welcomed the participants, especially those from the European Community and Albania, who had become members of the Union since the forty-first session of the TC, held in Geneva from April 4 to 6, 2005. In addition, she reported that Iceland had deposited its instrument of accession that morning, taking the number of members of the Union to 61.

Adoption of the Agenda

3. The TC adopted the agenda as presented in document TC/42/1.

Report on Developments in UPOV Including Relevant Matters Discussed in the Last Sessions of the Administrative and Legal Committee, the Consultative Committee and the Council

4. The Vice Secretary-General provided an oral report on the fifty-first and fifty-second sessions of the Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ), the sixty-ninth and the seventieth sessions of the Consultative Committee and the twenty-second extraordinary session and the thirty-ninth ordinary session of the Council.

Progress Reports on the Work of the Technical Working Parties, Including the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular

5. The TC received oral reports, from the Chairpersons, on the work of the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA), the Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs (TWC), the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF), the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO), the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV) and the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT).

Matters Arising from the Technical Working Parties

6. The TC considered document TC/42/3.

7. The TC agreed to request the relevant Technical Working Parties (TWPs) to consider the results of the information provided by members of the Union responding to a questionnaire on probability levels used in COY, as presented in document TWC/23/10, and to explain the reasons where different probability levels are used to those indicated in the COY recommendations.

8. The TC agreed that the TWPs should be informed that the TWC is working on a questionnaire seeking information on population standards used in the assessment of uniformity by off-types, in particular when tests from more than one year were used.

TGP Documents

9. The TC discussed the development of the TGP documents on the basis of document TC/42/5.

(a) *TGP documents to which the Technical Committee has given highest priority:*

TGP/4: Constitution and Management of Variety Collections

10. The TC agreed the following amendments to document TGP/4/1 Draft 6:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Comment</i>
2.1.1	to explain that more complete information is more useful and that the source of the information will also have a bearing on its usefulness. In addition, to explain that the completeness of information can be improved by reference to plant experts
2.1.2.1	to reword the first sentence to read “Documented descriptions can provide information to assist with the grouping of varieties and reducing the number of varieties of common knowledge which need to be included in a growing trial. The most effective means of examining distinctness is to conduct a growing trial or other test containing the candidate variety and the relevant varieties of common knowledge.”
3.2.2.2	to make reference to the particular situation concerning parent lines submitted as a part of the examination of a candidate hybrid variety as set out in Section 3.1.2.2.2.

TGP/9: Examining Distinctness

11. The TC agreed the following amendments to document TGP/9/1 Draft 6:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Comment</i>
2.3.2.4	to clarify which of the criteria in Sections 2.3.3 to 2.3.6 relate only to characteristics not specified in the UPOV Test Guidelines, or where there are no UPOV Test Guidelines
2.3.3.2	to read “... as a general rule, qualitative characteristics are less likely to be influenced by the environment ...”
2.3.4 Example	to amend reference to read “Section 2.3.3”
2.4.1	to add color patterns as another example of characteristics which are not easy for breeders to describe by means of Notes in the Table of Characteristics
2.4.2	(a) to add the inclusion of a color scale as another example to enhance the usefulness of photographs; and (b) to clarify the use of photographs in situations where the photographs do not accurately reflect the characteristics of the variety, despite the best endeavors of the applicant (e.g. difficulties of accurately recording colors in photographs). In particular, to clarify that such a situation would not be a basis for rejecting the application
3.1 to 3.6.1	the information provided in Sections 3.1 to 3.6.1 to be repeated in document TGP/10, or those Sections to be moved to document TGP/8
3.3.2	it was agreed that when the section was completed, consideration should be given to whether the section should be moved to Section 5

<i>Section</i>	<i>Comment</i>
4.3.2, 4.3.4	to read "... for a group of plants ..."
5.2.1.1	consideration to be given to adding "or a combination of characteristics" at the end of 5.2.1.1 (b) according to the outcome of discussions of Section 5.4.2 (see below)
5.2.1.2	to read "The choice of approach or combination of approaches ..."
5.2.3.5	to retain the text, but to explain the circumstances where varieties described by the same state of expression may be clearly distinguishable, indicating that this was not the normal situation
5.2.4.12	to explain that COYD can be used in cases of visual observations where the data fulfill the necessary requirements and to provide an example
5.4.2	consideration to be given to the use of a combination of characteristics, including consideration of the stability of results. Examples of the use of a combination of characteristics to be provided by the European Community. To review whether Section 5.4.2 should be included in Section 5.2
6.2	to be further elaborated and to provide an explanation of the limitations arising from variations in variety descriptions resulting from different environments and sources
6.4.5	to consider replacing "applicant" with "breeder", as defined in the General Introduction
6.5	to consider changing the title to "The advice of panels of experts"

TGP/10: Examining Uniformity

12. The TC agreed the following amendments to document TGP/10/1 Draft 3:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Comment</i>
General	(a) to explain cases where a combination of standard deviations and off-types might be appropriate; (b) to provide guidance for new intergeneric / interspecific varieties
2.3.1, 2.5 (table)	to list truly self-pollinated and mainly self-pollinated types separately
3	(a) to provide guidance concerning bulk samples; (b) to provide information on the assessment of uniformity when multiple locations are used
4	to add a section for setting standards for new types and species
4.2	it was agreed that the section on the determination of off-types should be included in the next draft of TGP/10/1, to be considered by all Technical Working Parties in 2006
5.2.1.1	to explain "comparable varieties"

<i>Section</i>	<i>Comment</i>
5.3	the explanation to include the particular example of cross-pollinated varieties being bred for a species where the varieties were normally vegetatively propagated

(b) *Other TGP documents:*

TGP/8: Use of Statistical Procedures in DUS Testing (document TGP/8/1 Draft 3)

13. The TC heard that consideration of the comments made by the TWPs at their sessions in 2005 and by the Enlarged Editorial Committee (TC-EDC) at its meeting on January 10, 2006, had led the Chairperson of the TWC and Coordinator of TGP/8, Mrs. Sally Watson (United Kingdom), in conjunction with the Office of the Union (Office), to conclude that a re-structuring of the document and a review of the content in conjunction with the TWC would be appropriate before the document was considered in detail by the TC. Therefore, in order to avoid unnecessary cost and with the agreement of the Chairperson of the TC, Mrs. Julia Borys (Poland), document TGP/8/1 Draft 3 had not been translated into all UPOV languages. The TC agreed that Mrs. Watson and the Office should prepare a new draft for consideration by the TWC, taking into account the comments of the TWPs and the TC-EDC, on the basis of the notes in document TGP/8/1 Draft 3.

14. The TC did not consider document TGP/8/1 Draft 3 in detail, but agreed that, as a result of its broadened scope, the title of TGP/8 should be changed to “Trial Design and Techniques Used in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability”. It also agreed that consideration should be given to splitting the document into two separate documents (Part I document and Part II document) in order to facilitate its consideration.

TGP/12: Special Characteristics: Section 1: Characteristics Expressed in Response to External Factors

15. The TC considered document TGP/12 Section 1 Draft 2 and endorsed the proposals made by the TWA in Section 3, Section 3.3.2 and endnotes a, c and d. In addition, the TC requested that the definitions provided in Section 2.3.2 should be compared with the definitions previously agreed by the TC.

TGP/13: Guidance for New Types and Species

16. The TC agreed the following amendments to document TGP/13/1 Draft 5:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1.2	to replace “sophisticated” with a term which was less likely to become outdated
2.1	to provide guidance on checking to ensure that claimed new types, e.g. inter-specific hybrids were, in fact, new types where this had a bearing on the consideration of distinctness

<i>Section</i>	<i>Comment</i>
2.3.3	to redraft the third sentence to explain that it may not always be possible for parent varieties to be submitted by the breeder
2.5	to provide guidance on how to ensure that the uniformity requirement for new species was not set too low such that it would inhibit consideration of distinctness for subsequent varieties
3, 4	to add a section for testing stability

17. In response to a request for clarification of how to address a single application for a plant breeder's right for a combination of different lines, the TC agreed that a document should be prepared for consideration at the forty-third session of the TC.

Program for the Development of TGP Documents

18. The TC approved the program for the development of TGP documents, as set out in Annex II to document TC/42/5, with the following amendments:

(a) the title of document TGP/4 to be confirmed as "Constitution and Management of Variety Collections" (without brackets); and

(b) the title of document TGP/8 would be changed to "Trial Design and Techniques Used in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability";

19. The TC noted, in particular, that:

(a) the Administrative and Legal Committee Advisory Group (CAJ-AG) will be invited to consider the development of document TGP/3 and the revision of document TGP/5, in preparation for submission of documents to the CAJ;

(b) documents TGP/4, TGP/9 and TGP/10 are scheduled to be approved in parallel;

(c) revision of document TGP/5 is scheduled to allow a review of Section 10 in parallel with revisions of Sections 1 to 7;

(d) revision of document TGP/7 is scheduled to start in 2008, after document TGP/9 has been approved by the TC and in anticipation of document TGP/14 attaining a good level of agreement; and

(e) finalization of document TGP/13 is scheduled after the approval of documents TGP/4, TGP/9 and TGP/10.

UPOV Information Databases

20. The TC considered document TC/42/6.

GENIE Database

21. The TC agreed that the following features would be introduced into the GENIE database when available on the UPOV website:

(i) a link from the Test Guidelines references in the GENIE database to the relevant UPOV Test Guidelines on the UPOV website;

(ii) a link to the relevant e-mail or website address for authorities in relation to experience and protection information;

(iii) a field for “Family”;

(iv) attribution of each genus to a “Category”: Plant; Plant/Fungus; or Plant/Algae within the administrative features of the database;

(v) the possibility for a UPOV code to have more than one denomination class; and

(vi) the variety denomination classes to be updated according to any revision of document UPOV/INF/12 Rev.

22. The TC noted that the design of the web-based version of the GENIE database was underway and its launch on the freely accessible area of the UPOV website was planned for later in 2006. It noted that it was hoped that the new variety denomination classes would be finalized before GENIE was launched.

UPOV Code System

23. The TC agreed the guiding criteria for identifying the most appropriate authorities to check UPOV code amendments, as set out in paragraph 7 of document TC/42/6, and agreed that the procedure for the introduction and amendment of UPOV codes should be updated accordingly. It also agreed that the checking of the 2005 amendments to the UPOV code should be combined with the checking of the 2006 amendments, to be considered by the TWPs in 2006.

Plant Variety Database

24. The TC noted the developments and planned program concerning improvements to the UPOV-ROM and the plans for the development of a web-based Plant Variety Database, as set out in paragraphs 12 to 14 of document TC/42/6. With regard to the development of a common searching platform for certain databases relevant for variety denomination searching purposes, the representative of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) indicated that the OECD website contained the List of Varieties Eligible for Certification which would be a relevant database for those purposes.

25. The TC noted the updating of the general notice and disclaimer in the UPOV-ROM User Guide, as reproduced in document TC/42/6, paragraph 15, and noted the situation concerning the development of a web-based Plant Variety Database, as set out in paragraph 17 of document TC/42/6. The representative of the European Seed Association (ESA) suggested that the general notice and disclaimer might be revised to indicate that members of the Union were encouraged to supply data to the UPOV-ROM.

Molecular Techniques

Document "Situation in UPOV Concerning the Possible Use of Molecular Markers in DUS Examination"

26. The TC considered document TC/42/7, paragraphs 2 to 9. It concluded that it would not be appropriate to undertake a reworking of the Annex to document TC/40/9 Add. (Annex to document CAJ/50/4) on the basis of the comments made in the CAJ. It reaffirmed its support for the presentation of the situation, set out in documents TC/38/14 -CAJ/45/5 and TC/38/14 Add.-CAJ/45/5 Add., which presented the proposals developed in the *Ad hoc* Crop Subgroups, the recommendations of the BMT Review Group concerning those proposals and the opinion of the TC and the CAJ regarding the recommendations of the BMT Review Group. In addition, it considered that any proposals to reconsider the situation should be referred to the BMT Review Group.

Guidelines for Molecular Marker Selection and Database Construction (BMT Guidelines)

27. The TC considered document BMT Guidelines (proj.5) and document TC/42/7, paragraphs 11 to 15.

28. The TC agreed the following amendments to document BMT Guidelines (proj.5):

<i>Section</i>	<i>Comment</i>
4.3.3	the last two sentences to be deleted on the basis that this could limit the possible use of data
6.2	to provide an explanation for the database model for readers not familiar with database construction, based on the information provided in document TWC/23/7-BMT/9/3

29. The TC agreed to request the BMT to review a new draft of the BMT Guidelines, incorporating the comments of the TC, above, at its tenth session, to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from November 21 to 23, 2006, and to invite the TWC to consider that draft at its twenty-fourth session, to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from June 19 to 22, 2006.

30. The TC agreed to investigate the possibility of a practical exercise, involving a small number of crops, in the development of an exchangeable database, as set out in paragraphs 14 and 15 of document TC/42/7. It agreed that it would be necessary to set clear terms of reference for that work and agreed that such terms of reference should be considered at its forty-third session. In the meantime, it agreed to invite the BMT, at its tenth session, to suggest suitable crops where such a practical exercise might be appropriate.

Possible Use of Molecular Tools for Variety Identification in Relation to the Enforcement of Plant Breeders' Rights, Technical Verification and the Consideration of Essential Derivation

31. The TC noted the developments concerning the possible use of molecular tools for variety identification in relation to the enforcement of plant breeders' rights, technical

verification and the consideration of essential derivation, as reported in document TC/42/7, paragraphs 17 to 20.

Ad Hoc Crop Subgroups on Molecular Techniques (Crop Subgroups)

32. The TC considered document TC/42/7, paragraphs 22 to 29, and agreed to the establishment of a crop subgroup for vegetatively propagated varieties, which was expected to meet in conjunction with the sessions of the BMT to consider horizontal matters concerning vegetatively propagated crops. It agreed that the existing Crop Subgroups for Potato, Rose and Sugarcane might continue to meet as individual crop subgroups, in particular in conjunction with the sessions of the relevant Technical Working Parties, where considered useful.

33. The TC agreed to the extension of the Crop Subgroup for Wheat to cover both wheat and barley.

Variety Denominations

34. The TC considered document TC/42/8 and noted the comments made by the TWPs to the CAJ concerning variety denomination classes and the developments in the CAJ.

Publication of Variety Descriptions

35. The TC noted the information provided in document TC/42/9 and, in particular, the aspects, set out in paragraph 31, which might be considered as part of a revision of document TGP/7/1 “Development of Test Guidelines”.

Preparatory Workshops

36. The TC noted the report of the Preparatory Workshops held in 2005 and agreed the proposed program for 2006, as set out in document TC/42/10.

Test Guidelines

37. The TC adopted the Test Guidelines listed in the table below on the basis of the amendments, as specified in Annex II to this document, which was circulated in advance, the linguistic changes recommended by the TC-EDC, and the following amendments:

Document No.	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
TG/4/8(proj.3)	Ryegrass	Ray-grass	Weidelgras	Ballico, Raygrás	Lolium perenne L.; Lolium multiflorum Lam. ssp. italicum (A. Br.) Volkart; Lolium multiflorum Lam. var. westerwoldicum Wittm; Lolium boucheanum Kunth; Lolium rigidum Gaudin.
TG/11/8(proj.5)	Rose	Rosier	Rose	Rosal	Rosa L.
TG/13/10(proj.2)	Lettuce	Laitue	Salat	Lechuga	Lactuca sativa L.

Document No.	English	Français	Deutsch	Español	Botanical name
TG/26/5(proj.3)	Chrysanthemum	Chrysanthème	Chrysantheme	Crisantemo	Chrysanthemum ×morifolium Ramat. (Chrysanthemum ×grandiflorum Ramat.); Chrysanthemum pacificum Nakai (Ajania pacifica Bremer and Humphries) and hybrids between them
TG/29/7(proj.4)	Alstroemeria, Herb Lily	Alstrœmère, Lis des Incas	Inkalilie	Alstroemeria	Alstroemeria L.
TG/35/6 (Rev.) TG/CHERRY-SW(proj.4)	Sweet cherry	Cerisier doux	Süßkirsche	Cerezo dulce	Prunus avium L. (Cerasus avium (L.) Moench)
TG/35/6 (Rev.) TG/CHERRY-SO(proj.4)	Sour cherry; Duke cherry	Cerisier acide; Griotte	Sauerkirsche; -	Cerezo ácido, Guindo; Cerezo Duke	Prunus cerasus L.; Prunus ×gondouinii (Poit. & Turpin) Rehder
TG/67/5(proj.3)	Red Fescue; Sheep's Fescue; Hair Fescue; Reliant Hard Fescue; Shade Fescue; Pseudovina	Fétuque rouge; Fétuque ovine, Fétuque des moutons, Fétuque durette, Poil de chien; -; -; Fétuque hétérophylle; -	Rotschwingel; Schafschwingel; Feinblättriger Schwingel, Haar-Schaf-Schwingel; Härtlicher Schwingel; Borstenschwingel, Verschiedenblättriger Schwingel; -	Cañuela roja, Festuca roja; Cañuela de oveja, Cañuela ovina, Festuca ovina; -; -; -	Festuca rubra L.; Festuca ovina L.; Festuca filiformis Pourr.; Festuca brevipila R. Tracey; Festuca heterophylla Lam.; Festuca pseudovina Hack. ex Wiesb.
TG/72/6(proj.3)	Willow	Saule	Weide	Sauce	Salix L.
TG/73/7(proj.5)	Blackberry & hybrids	Ronce fruitière et hybrides	Brombeere und Hybriden	Zarzamora e híbridos	Rubus L. subg. Eubatus sect. Moriferi et Ursini et hybridi
TG/75/7(proj.3)	Cornsalad; -	Mâche; -	Feldsalat; -	Hierba de los canónigos ; -	Valerianella locusta L.; Valerianella eriocarpa Desv.
TG/76/8(proj.6)	Sweet Pepper, Hot Pepper, Paprika, Chili	Piment, Poivron	Paprika	Aji, Chile, Pimiento	Capsicum annum L.
TG/97/4(proj.6)	Avocado	Avocatier	Avocado	Aguacate, Palta	Persea americana Mill.
TG/104/5(proj.5)	Melon	Melon	Melone	Melón	Cucumis melo L.
TG/112/4(proj.5)	Mango	Manguier	Mango	Mango	Mangifera indica L.
TG/115/4(proj.4)	Tulip	Tulipe	Tulpe	Tulipán	Tulipa L.
TG/151/4(proj.3)	Calabrese, Sprouting Broccoli	Broccoli	Brokkoli	Brócoli, Bróculi,	Brassica oleracea L. convar. botrytis (L.) Alef. var. cymosa Duch.
TG/196/2(proj.3)	New Guinea Impatiens	Impatiente de Nouvelle-Guinée	Neuguinea-Impatiens	Impatiens de Nueva Guinea	Impatiens New Guinea Group
TG/217/2(proj.3)	Cactus Pear; Xocconostles	Figuier de Barbarie; Xocconostles	Feigenkaktus; Xocconostles	Chumbera, Tuna; Xocconostles	Opuntia Group 1; Group 2
TG/DAHLIA(proj.5)	Dahlia	Dahlia	Dahlie	Dalia	Dahlia Cav.
TG/HOP(proj.3)	Hop	Houblon	Hopfen	Lúpulo	Humulus lupulus L.
TG/MEDICS(proj.4)	Medics	-	-	-	Medicago L. (excl. M. sativa L.)
TG/PMINT(proj.2)	Peppermint	Menthe poivrée	Pfefferminze	Menta piperita	Mentha ×piperita L.

38. It was agreed that, in the French version of the Test Guidelines for Rose, document TG/11/8(proj.5), “feuille” should be changed to “fleur”. It was also agreed that the name for Mentha ×piperita L. in Spanish should be changed to “Menta piperita”.

39. The TC agreed the references for the Test Guidelines for Sour Cherry and Sweet Cherry, as set out in paragraph 2 of document TC/42/2.

40. The TC-EDC reported that there were technical issues to be resolved with the Test Guidelines for Marigold, document TG/TAGETE(proj.4), in particular in relation to characteristics concerning the florets, which it had not been possible to resolve, and recommended that the TC refer the Test Guidelines back to the TWO. The TC agreed with that recommendation.

41. The TC-EDC recommended that the characteristics in the Test Guidelines for Melon, document TG/104/5(proj.5), should not be included in document TGP/7 Annex 4 “Collection of approved characteristics” without further consideration. The TC agreed with that recommendation.

42. The TC agreed to the plans for the development of new Test Guidelines and the revision of existing ones, as shown in Annex II to document TC/42/2, subject to an amendment concerning the Test Guidelines for Grain Amaranth (TG/AMARA), which will not cover ornamental types and will not be discussed by the TWO. The TC noted, in particular, those Test Guidelines which were considered by the relevant TWPs to be at a final draft stage.

43. The TC noted the status of the existing Test Guidelines, as listed in document TC/42/2, Annex III.

44. The TC noted the corrections to be made to the Test Guidelines for Celery, Dendrobium and Petunia, as set out in paragraph 6 of document TC/42/2. It noted that the third sentence of paragraph 6 (b) should read “Therefore, characteristic 76 will revert to its original wording “Lip: type of curving” and characteristic 77 will be changed from “Lip: presence of eye” to “Lip: eye”.”

List of Genera and Species for which Authorities have Practical Experience in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability

45. The TC considered document TC/42/4 and noted that the title of the document had been amended, as agreed by the TC at its forty-first session. The TC further noted that the information received from members of the Union had been cascaded in the GENIE database and in document TC/42/4. For example, if an authority indicated experience for a genus, experience would be indicated for all species, within that genus, contained in the GENIE database. However, in such cases, it was indicated that the experience was “derived” through experience at a higher level.

46. The TC heard that the number of genera and species for which members of the Union had practical experience had increased from 1,721 in 2005 to 1,906 in 2006. It was agreed that the document should be updated for the forty-third session of the TC.

Program for the Forty-Third Session

47. The following draft agenda was agreed for the forty-third session of the TC to be held in Geneva in 2007:

1. Opening of the session

2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Report on relevant matters discussed in the last sessions of the Administrative and Legal Committee, the Consultative Committee and the Council (oral report by the Vice Secretary-General)
4. Progress reports on the work of the Technical Working Parties, including the Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques, and DNA-Profiling in Particular (BMT) and Crop Subgroups
5. Matters arising from the Technical Working Parties
6. TGP documents
7. Publication of variety descriptions
8. UPOV information databases
9. Molecular techniques
10. Variety denominations
11. Preparatory workshops
12. Applications covering a combination of lines
13. Test Guidelines
14. List of genera and species for which authorities have practical experience in the examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability
15. Program for the forty-fourth session
16. Adoption of the report on the conclusions reached in the session (if time permits)
17. Closing of the session.

48. The TC adopted this report at the close of the session.

[Annexes follow]

ANNEXE I / ANNEX I / ANLAGE I / ANEXO I

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ANNEX II

AMENDMENTS TO THE UPOV DRAFT TEST GUIDELINES
PRIOR TO THEIR ADOPTION AT THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC)

GENERAL:

- (a) the TC-EDC has worked on the basis that where a three-state range is used for weak/medium/strong, i.e. there is no fixed point, then the second state should read “intermediate”;
- (b) Chapter 6.5: to delete full explanation of MG, MS, VG, VS and refer to Chapter 3.3 for the explanation;
- (c) in cases where more than one method of observation is indicated for a characteristic (e.g. MS A and VS A), to present as, e.g. “MS A / VS A”.

INDIVIDUAL TEST GUIDELINES:

Ryegrass (Revision)	TG/4/8(proj.3)
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Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines submitted to the TC:

Alternative names	alternative names in French to be checked
4.3.2	to delete “, either by growing a further generation, or by” and to change “previous” to “initial”
8.1 (b)	to delete “Characteristic 9:”
8.1 (b)	<u>Row plots:</u> to read “The time of inflorescence emergence is the date at which the average plot stage DC 54 has been reached. This date should – if necessary – be obtained by interpolation. At each observation date, the average plot stage should be expressed in one of the following growth stages: ...”
8.1 (b), (c)	to reverse the order of the notes to follow the order they occur in the Table of Characteristics
8.1(e)	to replace “measurements” with “observations”
9.	to add reference for Meier, 1997, as in document TG/67/5(proj.3)

Rose (Revision)	TG/11/8(proj.5)
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- (a) Changes to document TG/11/8(proj.4), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 10, 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/11/8(proj.5)), submitted to the TC:

General	Definition of cut-flower type, garden type and pot type to be provided in a way which ensures that candidate varieties are compared with all relevant varieties of common knowledge, or Test Guidelines to be re-structured in a way which does not require such a division.
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	<i>Leading Expert Proposal:</i> <i>Chapters 3.3 and 5.5 have been amended and a new Chapter 8.3 added</i>
General	To harmonize the terms: “cut-flower type”, “garden type” and “pot type” <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
3.4.2	to correct spelling of “plants”
3.5.1, 3.5.2	To delete “on single plants” and “and any other observations made on all the plants in the test”
Table of Characteristics	to correct the names of Example Varieties: ‘Evera107’ (Char. 2), ‘Evera102’ (Char. 4), ‘Poulra019’ (Char. 7) and ‘Ruiy5451’ (Char. 49): all without space
Table of Characteristics	to correct the name of Example Variety: ‘TAN00125’ (Char. 22)
Table of Characteristics	to check the use of “;” after example varieties
Char. 7	“predominant” on one line; note (a) to be in bold
Char. 22	to explain the term “main division” or delete <i>Leading Expert: to be deleted</i>
Chars. 23, 41, 42, 45 to 47, 50	word “the” to be deleted from headings and states
Char. 27	state 3: to correct writing of ‘Anakissi’ and to add “;” after ‘Anakissi’ “(G)”
Char. 32	to consider referring to the “reflexing” of the petals and to check if note (c) should be deleted. <i>Leading Expert:</i> <i>to replace “opening” with “reflexing” and note (c) to be deleted</i>
Char. 40	state 1: example variety to read ‘TAN98130’ and to be kept on one line
Char. 41	space to be added between “... color” and “(basal spot excluded)”
Char. 43	“secondary” to be kept on one line
Char. 45	to check if “the upper” should be replaced with “inner” <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 45	to read: “at base” (state 1); “at apex” (state 2)
Char. 46	to check if “the upper” should be replaced with “inner” <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
8.1 (c)	to add “on” after “made”
Ad. 4, 5	first sentence to read: Observations should be made on the distal third of a shoot with a length of approximately 20 cm
Ad. 16	quality of illustration to be improved <i>provided by Leading Expert</i>
Ad. 17, 18, 19	quality of illustration to be improved <i>provided by Leading Expert</i>
Ad. 22	spaces to be added between “ <u>Flower:</u> ” and “ <u>color group (main division)</u> ”
Ad. 22	explanation to clarify that there is a smooth transition between colors in the blends, but not in the multicolored varieties (15). Examples of the hues to be provided for 4, 6, 8 and 10, in the same way as for 13 and 14 <i>provided by Leading Expert</i>
Ad. 23	spelling of “center” to be corrected
Ad. 32	quality of photographs to be improved and to indicate in the explanation that the photographs are of the same flower taken over time <i>provided by Leading Expert</i>
Ad. 45, 46	heading spacings to be amended

Ad. 48	to change “spot at the base” to “basal spot”
9.	format of references to be standardized and information to be completed <i>provided by Leading Expert</i>

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

2.2	to replace “on” with “with” in both cases
Char. 2	to be indicated as QN and to use states of expression ranging from upright to spreading
Char. 7	name of example variety “Magical Fantasy” to be corrected to “Kolmag”
Char. 11	“Korcilmo (G)” to be changed to “Meilauron”
Char. 21	to be indicated as QN. To add (+) with the following explanation: single: maximum of 7 petals; semi-double: 8 to 20 petals; double: more than 20 petals
Char. 22	to add new state “white blend” after state 1 with the relevant information to be provided for Chapter 8
Char. 23	underlined wording to be deleted
Char. 24	to be moved after Char. 21. Underlined wording to be deleted and example varieties to be amended to reflect the new range including single flower types
Char. 25	underlined wording to be deleted and example varieties to be amended to reflect the new range including single flower types
Char. 45	“the” to be deleted from states 1 and 2
Ad. 14	missing illustrations to be reinstated
Ad. 22	15: to delete “which are primarily contrasting multicolored only”

Lettuce (Revision)	TG/13/10(proj.2)
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(a) Changes to document TG/13/10(proj.1), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 10, 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (TG/13/10(proj.2)), submitted to the TC:

General	presentation of Bl races to read Bl:1, Bl:2 etc., as presented in the first column of the “Table of <i>Bremia</i> differentials” in Ad. 39
Char. 4	state 5 to read “medium elliptic”
Char. 13	state 1 to read “narrow elliptic”
Char. 16	state 6 to read “transverse narrow elliptic”

Char. 17	to be indicated as PQ or QN and to have an intermediate state between rounded and acute, with acute being the first state (e.g. acute (1); obtuse (2); rounded (3)). Example varieties to be revised accordingly. <i>Leading Expert proposal, agreed (by correspondence) by the Technical Working Party for Vegetables: to be indicated as PQ, with the following states:</i> <i>acute (1) (example varieties: Celtuce, Deer Tongue, Karola, Tempra 2);</i> <i>obtuse (2) (example varieties: Chicon des Charentes, Grise maraîchère);</i> <i>rounded (3) (example varieties: Blonde Maraîchère, Maserati 1).</i>
Char. 39.15	to have an (*) if included as TQ 5.6, but see note to TQ 5.6 below <i>Leading Expert: Char. 39.15 to be deleted from TQ 5</i>
Ad.16	missing drawings to be reinstated
Ad. 18, 19	heading to be presented in standard way
Ad. 39	isolate B1 25 to be included in the list under <u>Bremia races</u>
Ad 39, Table	To add legend for +, -, (+), (-) from the previous version (document TG/13/9)
TQ 5.6	to check if Char. 39.15 (Isolate Bl:25) should be replaced by Char. 39.7 (Isolate Bl:16) since Char. 39.7 is a grouping characteristic but Char. 39.15 is not <i>Leading Expert proposal, agreed (by correspondence) by the Technical Working Party for Vegetables: to be indicated as PQ, with the following states:</i> <i>Char. 39.15 (Isolate Bl:25) to be replaced by Char. 39.7 (Isolate Bl:16)</i>

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

Char. 17	to read “Leaf: shape of tip”
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Chrysanthemum (Revision)	TG/26/5(proj.3)
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(a) Changes to document TG/26/5(proj.2) which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/26/5(proj.3)), submitted to the TC:

Char. 39	<i>Leading Expert: to replace “semi double” with “double”</i>
Char. 51	<i>Leading Expert: to add new state “triangular” as note 4, with the example variety “Chatora”</i>

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

General	missing information to be provided
Title and TQ 1	to correct spelling of “Nakai”
Char. 2	to read “Plant: type”
Char. 3	to read “... Plant: growth habit” and to replace “hemispherical” with “semi-spreading” or another suitable term for growth habit. Alignment of notes to be corrected.

Char. 13	to replace “length” with “depth” and to have the states: shallow (3); medium (5); deep (7)
Char. 16	to check if the states should read: absent or weak (1); medium (2); strong (3)
Chars. 18, 19, 20	to use either “surface” or “side” consistently
Char. 21	to have the states: few (3); medium (5); many (7)
Char. 23	the order of the states to be changed to note 4, 5, 3, 2, 1
Char. 26	to change “nodding” to “drooping”, unless nodding has a different meaning than drooping. If the meaning of nodding is not drooping, to provide an explanation of nodding and to review the type of expression
Char. 27	to have the states: few (3); medium (5); many (7)
Char. 28	to have the states: few (3); medium (5); many (7)
Char. 32	to add “(non-disbudded plants)”
Char. 34	to add “(non-disbudded plants)”
Char. 37	to have the states: few (3); medium (5); many (7)
Char. 38	to have the states: few (3); medium (5); many (7)
Char. 40	to add a (+) with an explanation that the types of florets are identified in Char. 41
Char. 44	to check if the states could read “moderately erect” (3) and “moderately drooping” (7)
Chars. 48, 49	to check if should be indicated as QN
Char. 51	to check if the characteristic also applies to varieties with funnel-shaped florets
Char. 53	to replace “proportion” with “part”
Chars. 55 to 57, 72, 73	to clarify the meaning of majority, including whether the calculation of the majority includes or excludes the outer row. Note (f) to be deleted.
Char. 56	to replace “proportion” with “part”
Char. 61	to add (+) with illustration
Chars. 65, 68	to replace “widthways” with “transverse” and “lengthways zone” with “bar”
Chars. 66, 69	to replace “so” with “solid”
Char. 70	to check if the characteristic also applies to varieties with funnel-shaped florets
Char. 85	the order of the states to be changed to note 4, 3, 2, 1, 5
Char. 87	spelling of “color” to be corrected
Char. 89	to present only states 3, 5 and 7
8.1 (b)	to check if should read “Stem and stipule characteristics ...”
8.1 (d), (e)	to reverse order to follow order in Table of Characteristics
8.1 (e)	to replace “ laterals” with “lateral branches”
8.1 (g)	explanation to be improved
Ad. 76, 77, 85	to amend the heading to correspond to the Table of Characteristics
TQ 5.5	to add “(33)”

Alstroemeria (Revision)	TG/29/7(proj.4)
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(a) Changes to document TG/29/7(proj.3), made on the basis of comments received from members of the Enlarged Editorial Committee in January 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/29/7(proj.4)), submitted to the TC:

3.5.1, 3.5.2	To delete “on single plants” and “and any other observations made on all the plants in the test”
Char. 8	to check whether example variety ‘Tesamad’ should be attributed to state 11 or state 14 (and amend TQ accordingly) <i>Leading Expert: state 11 to have the example variety “Tesamad” and state 14 to have the example variety “Napoli”</i>
Char. 25	to improve wording (e.g. Inner median tepal: difference of striped pattern compared to inner lateral tepal) <i>Leading Expert: to read “Inner median tepal: difference of striped pattern compared to inner lateral tepal”</i>
Char. 28	delete “the”
Char. 28	to check if note (a) applies <i>Leading Expert: to change characteristic to read “Anther: color just before the start of dehiscence”</i>
Ad. 29, 30	heading to be corrected

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

Char. 26	spelling of “color” to be corrected
Char. 30	spelling of “anthocyanin” to be corrected and state 5 to read “medium”

Sour Cherry (Revision of TG/35/6)	TG/CHERRY-SO(proj.4)
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Changes to document TG/CHERRY-SO(proj.3), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 10, 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/CHERRY-SO(proj.4)), submitted to the TC:

Cover page	name in French for <i>Prunus cerasus</i> L. to be corrected to “Cerisier acide”
5.3 (b)	should read “(characteristic 39)”. <i>Leading Expert: to be deleted (see TQ 5 comment).</i>
Char. 4	state 2: word “the” to be deleted
Char. 7	to check if note (a) applies (<i>one-year-old</i> shoot) and review title of 8.1(a) or heading of characteristic. <i>Leading Expert: to read “One-year-old shoot: length of internode”, with the states: normal (1), short (2)</i>
Char.13	notes to be changed to 1, 2, 3, subject to confirmation by the Leading Expert LEADING EXPERT: AGREED

Chars. 20, 21, 22	to consider deleting the (+) or note (b) <i>Leading Expert: note (b) to be deleted</i>
Char. 28	the illustration of state 4 looks like an elliptic shape. To amend state 4 to read “elliptic” or amend the illustration. <i>Leading Expert: state 4 to read “elliptic”</i>
Ad. 47	to change “ripen” to “ripe”
9.	all authors to be given, avoiding the use of <i>et al.</i> , <i>Leading Expert provided the requested information</i>
TQ 1	“ <i>Botanical name</i> ” not in italics
TQ 5	to check whether to add Char. 39 (grouping characteristic) <i>Leading Expert: The TWF agreed that in the case of Sweet Cherry “Fruit: firmness” should be accepted in Section 5.3 (grouping) and TQ 5. The same proposal was rejected in the case of Sour Cherry because the differences between sour cherry varieties were not so clear and not so great as those between sweet cherry varieties. Therefore, Section 5.3 (b) Fruit: firmness (characteristic 33), should be deleted.</i>

Sweet Cherry (Revision of TG/35/6)	TG/CHERRY-SW(proj.4)
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Changes to document TG/CHERRY-SW(proj.3), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 10, 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/CHERRY-SW(proj.4)), submitted to the TC:

Cover page	to add “,” after <i>Prunus avium</i> L.
Cover page	name in French for <i>Prunus avium</i> L. to be “Cerisier doux”
3.5	to read “... In particular, in the case of fruit and stone characteristics, observations should be ...”
Char. 6	<i>Leading Expert: to address comments on Ad. 6 and, in accordance with Test Guidelines for Sour Cherry, to read “One-year-old shoot: length of internode”, with the states: normal (1); short (2)</i>
Char. 15	to consider changing to read “Leaf: presence of nectaries” for consistency with document TG/CHERRY-SO(proj.4) <i>Leading Expert: agreed. Also, to add (+), to be included with Ad. 16.</i>
Char. 16	to consider changing to read “Nectaries: color” for consistency with document TG/CHERRY-SO(proj.4) <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 16	to consider deleting the (+) or note (b) <i>Leading Expert: note (b) to be deleted</i>
Char. 19	to check if should be indicated as QN, for consistency with TG/CHERRY-SO(proj.4) (Char. 24) <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>

Char. 21	the illustration of state 4 looks like an elliptic shape. To amend state 4 to read “elliptic” or amend the illustration. <i>Leading Expert: to amend state 4 to read “elliptic”</i>
Char. 21	to consider putting state 5 before state 1 (start with position of widest point at base) <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 30	state 2 to read “intermediate” if 1, 2, 3 scale to be retained <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
8.1 (b)	to read “ <u>Leaf</u> : Unless otherwise stated, all observations of the leaf should be made on the middle fully developed leaves of a spur in summer.” as for TG/CHERRY-SO Chapter 8.1 (b)
8.1 (d)	to check if should read “ <u>Fruit and Stone</u> :... <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Ad. 6	illustration to be improved to clarify what a “spur type” shoot is, perhaps by an illustration of the whole shoot in relation to the tree <i>Leading Expert: see comment for Char. 6</i>
9	all authors to be given, avoiding the use of <i>et al.</i> , To consider adding literature to be provided by Poland. <i>Leading Expert provided the requested information</i>
TQ 5.3	state 4: example variety to be kept on one line
TQ 5.6	state 3: example variety to be kept on one line

Sheep’s Fescue, Red Fescue and other Fescues (Revision)	TG/67/5(proj.3)
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Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

Alternative names	alternative names in French to be checked
Char. 9	to check if the characteristic only applies to certain species
8.1 (b)	to become Ad. 4
Ad. 10	B: to read “The time of inflorescence emergence is the date at which the average plot stage DC 54 has been reached. This date should – if necessary – be obtained by interpolation. At each observation date, the average plot stage should be expressed in one of the following growth stages: ...”

Willow (Revision)	TG/72/6(proj.3)
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Changes to document TG/72/6(proj.2), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 10, 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/72/6(proj.3)), submitted to the TC:

Cover page	to delete “s” from “UPOV Codes”
2.2	to read “The material is to be supplied in the form of hardwood cuttings with a diameter of at least 1 cm and a length of 20 cm, or well rooted one-year-old plants. Hardwood cuttings should be taken from one-year-old main shoots from stools.”
2.4	to be deleted
3.1	second sentence to be deleted
3.3.2	to be deleted
Char. 4	word “the” to be deleted
Char. 6	To read: “Main shoot: protrusion of lenticels”
Char. 7	state 2 to read “medium green”
Char. 10	to delete text in brackets
Char. 11	to consider using the term “decumbent” for state 4 <i>Leading Expert: no change</i>
Char. 15	all states: word “the” to be deleted
Char. 18	to underline “ <u>upper</u> ”
Char. 19	to underline “ <u>lower</u> ”
Chars. 20 to 23	to check if should have note (d) <i>Leading Expert: to add note (d)</i>
8.1 (a)	to read “observations on plant sex and spring foliation ...”
8.1 (c)	note (c) to be added to Chars. 17, 18, 19, 21 or wording changed <i>Leading Expert: wording for note (c) to read “Hairiness and color of the main shoot and the leaf bud should be observed at 20 cm from the tip of the main shoot.”</i>
Ad. 6	heading to read “Ad. 6” ... and explanation to read “To be observed in the middle third of the main shoot”
9.	references to be presented in standard format
TQ 1	to consider if species information should be requested <i>Leading Expert: species information to be requested</i>

Blackberry and Hybrid Berries	TG/73/7(proj.5)
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(a) Changes to document TG/73/7(proj.4), made on the basis of comments received from members of the Enlarged Editorial Committee in January 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/73/7(proj.5)), submitted to the TC:

2.3	to read “5 plants”
5.3	to review consistency of grouping and TQ characteristics with regard to Chars. 42 and 44, noting the requirement for example varieties for grouping / TQ / asterisked characteristics. <i>Leading Experts:</i> <i>delete (e) (Char. 42) and (g) (Char. 44) and add Char. 41.</i>
Char. 1	state 2: “semi-upright” to be on kept on one line
Char. 7	to consider replacing “position” with “distribution” or “location”? <i>Leading Experts: replace “position” with “distribution”</i>
Char. 40	to provide explanation of “bearing” (does it mean observing presence of flowers or presence of fruit?: if fruit, to consider moving after Char. 42.) <i>Leading Experts: to read “Fruiting on current year’s cane”</i>
Char. 41	to underline “on previous year’s cane” and add (+)
Char. 42	to add (*) and example varieties if included as grouping and/or TQ characteristic <i>Leading Experts:</i> <i>Char. 42 to be removed from Section 5.3 and TQ Section 5.</i>
Chars. 42, 44	to consider introducing “ <u>Only varieties which bear on current year’s cane: ...</u> ” at beginning of heading <i>Leading Experts: to add “<u>Only varieties which fruit on current year’s cane: ...</u>” at beginning of heading</i>
Char. 44	to add example varieties if included as grouping and/or TQ characteristic <i>Leading Experts:</i> <i>(*) to be deleted and Char. 44 to be removed from Section 5.3</i>
Ad. 42, 43	to read Ad. 41, 42
Ad. 44	to add Ad. 43
9 (3)	to read “... State of New York ...”
9 (4)	year and author(s) to be provided or reference to be deleted <i>Leading Experts: reference to be deleted</i>
TQ 1.1	1.1 to read “ <i>Rubus</i> subgenus <i>Eubatus</i> sect. <i>Moriferi & Ursini</i> ”. To consider adding a new box (1.2) for hybrids with a request for details of the hybrid. <i>Leading Experts: agreed</i>
TQ 5	to review consistency of grouping and TQ characteristics with regard to Chars. 42 and 44, noting the requirement for example varieties for grouping / TQ / asterisked characteristics <i>Leading Experts: Char. 42 to be replaced by Char. 40. (*) to be added to Char. 40.</i>
TQ 5.7	state 3: example variety to be kept on one line

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

Title	to add the UPOV code “RUBUS_I EU”
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Cornsalad (Revision)	TG/75/7(proj.3)
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Changes to document TG/75/7(proj.2), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 10, 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/75/7(proj.3)), submitted to the TC:

3.4.1	to correct spelling of “two”
Char. 2	to be indicated as VG
Char. 5	to read “Leaf: ratio length/width”
Char. 9	“longitudinal” to be kept on one line. Example variety for state 2 to be kept on one line (also TQ 5.2)
Char. 16	to be indicated as MG
Char. 19	to be indicated as VG
Char. 20	to read “Seed: collar” with states: absent (1): present (9). To be checked with Leading Expert. <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 21	to be indicated as VG, QL
Ad. 21	<u>Sowing</u> section to read “Sowing in plugs (5 x 5 cm), at a rate of 2 to 3 seeds per plug, in order to obtain one seedling per plug.”
Ad. 21	Cultivation conditions: light conditions to be provided <i>Leading Expert: reference to light conditions to be deleted</i>
Ad. 21	<u>Differential hosts</u> to be used: Row in table containing “Verte d’Etampes” to be deleted and key “Tol=Tolerant” to be deleted
9.	references for methods to test resistance to <i>Peronospora valerianella</i> to be provided <i>Leading Expert: provided</i>
TQ 5.2	wording to be corrected according to Table of Characteristics

Sweet Pepper (Revision)	TG/76/8(proj.6)
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Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

Table of Chars.	to amend “VS” to “VG” throughout
Char. 2	to be indicated as QN
Char. 7	to be indicated as VG
Char. 14	all translations to be checked
Char. 21	example variety to read “Blanc d’Espagne”
Char. 22	(*) to be deleted (no example varieties provided)
Char. 26	to replace “small” with “narrow” and “large” with “broad”

Char. 28	to amend the following states to: circular (2); trapezoidal (6); moderately triangular (7); narrowly triangular (8)
Char. 30	to check whether note (b) should be added
Char. 31	to add “excluding basal part”
Char. 32	state 1 to read “smooth or very slightly wrinkled”
Char. 40	to be indicated as QN, MG
Char. 45	to be indicated as VG
Char. 51	to check spelling of Mozaic / Mosaic throughout
Char. 53	name to be corrected
8.1 (a), (b)	to add “Fruit” before “characteristics”
Ad. 17	notes to be corrected
Ad. 48	highlighted cells in table to be deleted. Legend for “S” to read “susceptible”. To correct abbreviation to “PMMoV”
TQ 5.5	to be deleted (see comments to Char. 22)
TQ 5.6	example variety “Yolo Wonder” to be kept on one line
TQ 9	to be corrected to standard wording

Avocado (Revision)	TG/97/4(proj.6)
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Changes to document TG/97/4(proj.5), made on the basis of comments received from members of the Enlarged Editorial Committee in January 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/97/4(proj.6)), submitted to the TC:

3.3.2	to consider deleting <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 1	to check if note (a) should be deleted <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 1	to consider changing state 3 to “semi drooping” and state 4 to “drooping” (see Ad. 1). To consider if notes 1, 3, 5, 7 would be more appropriate (to be indicated as QN) <i>Leading Expert: change state 3 to “semi drooping” and state 4 to “drooping”</i>
Char. 5	to have notes 3, 5, 7 or change state 2 to read “intermediate” <i>Leading Expert: change state 2 to read “intermediate”</i>
Char. 12	to underline “ <u>along whole length</u> ”
Char. 16	to have notes 3, 5, 7 or change state 2 to read “intermediate” <i>Leading Expert: change state 2 to read “intermediate”</i>
Char. 29	to consider deleting “maximum” <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 30	to consider deleting “maximum” <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 52	to have notes 3, 5, 7 or change state 2 to read “intermediate” <i>Leading Expert: change state 2 to read “intermediate”</i>

Char. 60	order of states to be reviewed: possibly 1, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6. (from overall narrowest to broadest and starting with broadest point below the middle, e.g. triangular, ovate, oblong, elliptic, circular, oblate, obovate, oblique rhombic.) <i>Leading Expert: to have the order 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 3.</i>
Char. 60	According to Ad. 60 it is not “depressed ovate”: to consider changing to “kidney shaped”, “reniform” or “depressed oblate” <i>Leading Expert: to read “depressed oblate”</i>
Char. 62	To delete “degree of”
Char. 63	To delete “degree of”
Ad 1	illustrations for states 2 and 3 to be improved <i>Leading Expert: provided</i>

Melon (Revision)	TG/104/5(proj.5)
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(a) Changes to document TG/104/5(proj.4), made on the basis of comments received from members of the Enlarged Editorial Committee in January 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/104/5(proj.5)), submitted to the TC:

4.2.3	to consider deleting “(inbred lines)” <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
6.5	to add methods of observation
Char. 23	word “the” to be deleted and states to read: early in fruit development (1); late in fruit development (2); very late in fruit development or no change (3))
Char. 31	to check if should read “Fruit: hue of <i>ground</i> color of skin” to correspond to Char. 29. <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 34	to be indicated as PQ, subject to confirmation by Leading Expert <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 39	to consider changing to read “Fruit: <i>strength of attachment ...</i> ” <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Chars. 44-46	to check if Chars. 44 to 46 apply to all varieties or only to varieties which always have grooves and, if necessary, amend the headings <i>Leading Expert: to add “<u>Only varieties with grooves always present</u>”</i>
Char. 46	to be indicated as PQ, subject to confirmation by Leading Expert <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 52	to consider changing to read “Fruit: <i>speed (or rate) of change of skin color ...</i> ” <i>Leading Expert: to read “Fruit: <i>rate of change of skin color ...</i>”</i>
Char. 53	to improve the illustration in order that the maximum width of flesh is in the area indicated (currently, the width of flesh is greater at the top of the fruit) <i>Leading Expert: to change characteristic to “Fruit: <i>width of flesh in longitudinal section (at position of maximum fruit diameter)</i>”</i>
Char. 54	to consider deleting “and hue” (Chars. 55 and 56 to be modified accordingly) <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 60	to be indicated as MS <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>

Char. 61	to be indicated as MS <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Ad. 7	illustration to be improved to: (i) show the difference between Char. 6 and Char. 7; and (ii) clarify the reference points of where to measure <i>Leading Expert: new illustrations provided</i>
Ad. 47	to use the same shape of fruit for state 7 as for other states and to indicate a clearer difference between states 7 and 9. <i>Leading Expert: new illustrations provided</i>
Ad. 57	explanation to be clarified, in particular, with regard to the meaning of “and similar distance between the skin and the mucilage” <i>Leading Expert: to amend to read “Firmness of the flesh should be assessed in the central third of the fruit. The assessment can be made by pressing the flesh with the blunt end of a pencil, or similar instrument, midway between the skin and the mucilage.”</i>
Ad. 62	to consider deleting the photographs: the drawings and explanations are sufficient. <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Ad. 69.1-69.3	to replace “C” with “°C”
Ad. 70 and 71	to read “9 to 11 days ...”
Ad. 70, 71	<u>Scoring:</u> (i) to explain how to classify varieties with scores of 2, 4 and 6; (ii) difference between scores 1 and 3 to be clarified (less than 10% can also be along the nerves); (iii) to clarify what is meant by “along nerves and blade”. <i>Leading Expert / Disease Experts (France): amended to 1-5 scale, in accordance with testing procedure. “Along nerves and blade” to be deleted.</i>
Ad. 73, 74, 75	to consider providing a general method for all virus characteristics, using Ad. 76 as a basis. <i>Leading Expert / Disease Experts (France): method amended</i>
Ad. 73, 74, 75	Maintenance: to clarify the meaning of “dried” <i>Leading Expert / Disease Experts (France): to read “5°C and kept dry using anhydrous calcium chloride”</i>
Ad. 74, 75	Manner of inoculation: to clarify what the cotyledons are rubbed with <i>Leading Expert / Disease Experts (France): to add “with incolum”</i>
TQ 5.2	to be updated according to Table of Characteristics
TQ 5.11	to have the notes 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

3.3, 6.5	to add “MS” with explanation
Chars. 11, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26,	to be indicated as VG/MS
Char. 31	indications of ground color of example varieties in Spanish to be deleted from Table of Characteristics and presented in Ad. 29, 31

Char. 43	to have the states: absent or very weakly expressed (1); weakly expressed (2); strongly expressed (3) and example varieties to be amended
Chars. 44 to 46	“ <u>Only varieties with grooves always present.</u> ” to be deleted
Char. 61	state 9 to read “very broad”
Chars. 70, 71	to be indicated as QN
8.1 (d)	third sentence to be deleted
Ad. 29, 31	to provide an explanation that ochre is pale brownish yellow
Ad. 52	to add a heading for Ad. 52 after Ad. 47 with a cross reference to Ad. 23, Ad. 52.

Mango (Revision)	TG/112/4(proj.5)
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Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

Char. 46	(* to be deleted (no example varieties)
Char. 48	to have the states: low (3); medium (5); high (7)
Char. 52	to check the type of expression and illustration to be provided
8.1 (c)	last sentence to be deleted
Ad. 40	illustration for states 2 and 3 to clarify difference between the states
TQ 6	example to be provided
TQ 9	to be corrected to standard wording

Tulip (Revision)	TG/115/4(proj.4)
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(a) Changes to document TG/115/4(proj.3), made on the basis of comments received from members of the Enlarged Editorial Committee in January 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/115/4(proj.4)), submitted to the TC:

Chapter 5	<i>Comment from Leading Expert:</i> <i>current grouping could cause confusion as there can be Fringed Greigii or Fringed Lily flowered tulips.</i> With the agreement of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO): Chapter 5 revised and corresponding changes made to Technical Questionnaire Section 5. Chapter 8.3 deleted.
Table of Characteristics	to write botanical names of species with a space after “T.” (e.g. Chars. 1, 5, 11, 36)
Char. 7	to consider changing to read “Leaf: <i>distribution</i> of variegation” (“margin” is not a pattern) <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 7	to explain the difference between “picotee” and “margin”. <i>Leading Expert: to replace “picotee” with “edged”</i>

Char. 12	to insert a space between “Double and Lily flowered types excluded:” and “Flower: shape” and to delete “,” in state 2 after “Purple States”
Chars. 14, 18, 26, 28, 30	to consider if there is any additional information in comparison to the RHS Colour Chart number and, if not, these characteristics and the Annex could be deleted <i>Leading Expert and Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees: agreed</i>
Char. 20	to check if state 1 should read “weak” (see Char. 19: state 1). If state 1 is changed to weak, the notes should be changed to 3, 5, 7 or state 2 should be changed to “intermediate” <i>Leading Expert: to have the states: weak (1); intermediate (2); strong (3).</i>
Char. 21	state 2: word “the” to be deleted
Chars. 33, 34	example varieties to be provided or (*) to be deleted <i>Leading Expert: (*) to be deleted</i>
Char. 36	to check example variety ‘Temple of Beauty’ indicated as “late”. The TWO report, document TWO/38/12 Prov., recorded that this variety was “very late” <i>Leading Expert proposal agreed by the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees: to have the following example varieties:</i> <i>very early (1): Love Song, Showwinner, Early Harvest</i> <i>early (3): Bestseller, Apricot Beauty, Flair</i> <i>medium (5): Apeldoorn, Prinses Irene</i> <i>late(7): Temple of Beauty, Renown, Queen of Night</i> <i>very late(9): Dillenburg, Princess Margaret Rose</i>
8.1 (a)	to be deleted (reference to Annex is made for each characteristic) <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
8.3	Greigii group: to modify “Flower shape variable or striped” <i>Leading Expert: to read “Flower shape variable.”</i>
9.	to modify the following: (1) ... E. Sweeney, ... (to add space) (8) ... ‘Cultivar groups in the genus <i>Tulipa</i> L. (<i>Liliaceae</i>)’ , ... (to add ‘ ... ’) (9) ... ‘Classified List and International Register of Tulip Names’, ... (to add ‘ ... ’) <i>Leading Expert: to modify also</i> (4) <i>Grunert, Chr (to add space)</i> (9) <i>Scheepen, J. van ... (to add space) and to add ISBN 90-73350-026</i> (10) <i>to add: Bodegom S. and J. van Scheepen (eds.) 2005: Supplement 2005 Classified List and International Register of Tulip Names, KAVB, Hillegom, NL</i> <i>ISBN-10: 9073350034</i> <i>ISBN-13: 9789073350038</i>
TQ 5	see comments to Chapter 5
Annex	see comments to Chars. 14, 18, 26, 28

(b) Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

5.4	to correct the spelling of “Cairo”
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5.4	to number the second paragraph of Chapter 5.4 as 5.5
5.4	2 nd paragraph: to provide illustrations of characteristics (b) and (c) in Chapter 8
Table of Chars.	to delete indication of the species from the example varieties and provide the information in a table in Chapter 8
Char. 7	state 1 to read “on margin” and state 2 to read “marginal zone”
Char. 12	to read “ <u>Only single flower type varieties:</u> Flower shape” and to add a new state 3: “lily flower”, with example varieties to be provided. To add (+) with an illustration and to be indicated as PQ.
Char. 15	state 1 to read “on margin” and state 2 to read “marginal zone”

Calabrese, Sprouting Broccoli	TG/151/4(proj.3)
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Changes to document TG/151/4(proj.2), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 10, 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/151/4(proj.3)), submitted to the TC:

General	spelling of “ <i>oleracea</i> ” and “ <i>botrytis</i> ” to be checked in all cases (including cover page, Chapter 1, TQ 1)
Chapter 1	to delete the reference to Romanesco type or to provide a botanical name <i>Leading Expert: delete the reference to Romanesco type</i>
Char. 17	to have the states: circular (1) transverse broad elliptic (2) transverse medium elliptic (3) transverse narrow elliptic (4)
8.1, 8.2	formatting of titles to be corrected
8.1 (b)	to read “... observations on the leaf, the leaf blade and <i>the petiole</i> should ...”
Ad.15	state 3 to read “short”
Ad.17	to read “Head: ...”
9 (5)	to read “HortScience 20(2), pp. 193-195 ...”
9 (6)	to read “Sci. Hort. 3, pp. 95-101 ...”
TQ 5.4	example variety to read “Pollux” (state 7)

New Guinea Impatiens (Revision)	TG/196/2(proj.3)
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Changes to document TG/196/2(proj.2), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 10, 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/196/2(proj.3)), submitted to the TC:

pp. 1, 3, 18	to amend the botanical name (according to Zander) to “Impatiens New Guinea Group” (German: “Impatiens Neuguinea Gruppe”)
2.3	to delete “for vegetatively propagated varieties:”
3.1	to delete “for vegetatively propagated varieties.”
3.3.1	to be deleted
3.5	to delete “on single plants” and “and any other observations made on all the plants in the test”

4.2.2	to insert a space between “,” and “1”
5.3	to review the consistency of the grouping characteristics and the TQ characteristics <i>Leading Expert: to add Char. 9 to the Technical Questionnaire</i>
Char. 1	to add a (+) with an explanation of what is meant by plant height (e.g. height where the foliage starts, height of the highest point of the foliage ...) <i>Leading Expert: explanation to read “The height of the foliage is the height from the substrate surface to the highest point of the foliage.”</i>

<i>Opuntia</i> Mill. (Revision)	TG/217/2(proj.3)
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Changes to document TG/217/2(proj.2), proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee at its meeting on January 10, 2006, which are already incorporated in the draft Test Guidelines (document TG/217/2(proj.3)), submitted to the TC:

6.4	to make reference to Table in Chapter 8.3
Char. 35	to check if note (e) should be added ? <i>Leading Expert: agreed</i>
Char. 37	state 3 to read “medium elliptic”
8.1 (c)	2 nd sentence to read “... on the flower ...”

Dahlia	TG/DAHLIA(proj.5)
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Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

General	missing information to be provided
Table of Chars.	to check spelling of example variety “Jaimaica”
Char. 1	to replace “rounded” with “semi-spreading” or another suitable term for growth habit
Char. 13	to reverse the order of states 1 and 2
Char. 20	to change “nodding” to “drooping”, unless nodding has a different meaning than drooping. If the meaning of nodding is not drooping, to provide an explanation of nodding and to review the type of expression
Char. 22	to be indicated as QL or to have 3 states
Char. 24	to check if 9 states are appropriate
Char. 26	to add (+) with an explanation of the meaning of “height”
Char. 34	to have a space between “Mick’s” and “Peppermint”
Chars. 39, 40	underlined section to be deleted
Char. 39	to read “Ray floret: part of axis curved”
Char. 41	to be indicated as QN
Char. 42	to add (+) with illustration
Chars. 46, 49	to replace “widthways” with “transverse” and “lengthways zone” with “bar”

Char. 51	to be indicated as QN and to have the states: same or slightly different (1); moderately different (2); clearly different (3)
8.1 (b)	to review wording in relation to leaflets and simple leaves
8.1 (e)	explanation to be improved
Ad. 3	to read “The stem color should be observed on the middle third of the stem, excluding the peduncle.”
Ad. 4	to delete the notes and “predominantly”
Ad. 14	to improve the illustration

Hop	TG/HOP(proj.3)
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Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

Char. 6	to delete the indication of growth stage 67 if that conflicts with Ad. 6
Char. 18	state 1 to read “cylindrical” and state 5 to read “globose”
Char. 19	state 2 to read “slightly open”
Char. 22	to read “Bract: ratio width/length”
Char. 23	to read “Bract: length of apex” and to add notes 1 and 9 (illustrations to be provided for increased clarity)
8.1 (c)	explanation to be improved
Ad. 23	dotted lines to be deleted and illustrations for states 1 and 9 to be added
8.3	to be aligned with published text

Medics (Medicago spp. other than <i>M. sativa</i>)	TG/MEDICS (proj.4)
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Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

Title (and throughout)	reference to “ <i>Medicago ×varia</i> Martyn” to be deleted
Alternative names	French name to be provided
3.4.1	second sentence to read “The spaced plants should be arranged in at least 3 replicates”
Table of Chars.	to check method of observation
Char. 2	to be indicated as PQ. State 3 to read “spotted” and state 4 to read “flecked”
Chars. 4 to 9	to be indicated as QN
Chars. 4, 5	note (a) to be added
Chars. 7 to 9	note (b) to be added
Chars. 30 to 33	to add “ <u>Excluding varieties with sickle-shaped pods: ...</u> ”

Ad. 6	<p>to read: “MS/A: The time of flowering of each single plant should be assessed. A single plant is considered to have flowered when it has at least 3 open flowers. From the single plant data a mean date per plot and a mean date per variety are obtained.</p> <p>“MG/B: The time of flowering of row plots should be assessed. Row plots are considered to have reached the time of flowering when 50% of the plants have at least 3 open flowers. From the row plant data, a mean date per variety is obtained.”</p>
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Peppermint	TG/PMINT (proj.2)
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Changes proposed by the Enlarged Editorial Committee in April 2006, which are to be included in the Test Guidelines, submitted to the TC:

3.5	to read “Unless otherwise indicated, all observations should be made on 10 plants or parts taken from each of 10 plants.”
Table of Chars.	to check example varieties, e.g. whether “Mitcham Dct Bomme” is one or two varieties
Char. 7	to read “...ratio length/width” and example varieties and illustrations to be amended accordingly
Char. 12	to swap order of states 1 and 2
Char. 17	to check if QL
TQ 7.3	to delete requirement for color photograph, subject to checking by the Leading Expert.

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